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ミツハの価値

我が国にとっての、
ミツハの価値とは何か？
そう、それは、そのカリスマ性。
そして、優れた知恵と知識だ。



ヤマト子爵領の危機!?

「と、とにかく外に、
外に出て下さい!」

何か、今回は本当に大変そうなので、
仕方なく外に出て
海の方を見てみると……。
うわぁ、確かに、海にフネが。



コレットの願望

「はい、これ！」

……てっ、
天才かッッ!!



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Chapter 43

Informal Conference 1

“Eh... um, hero Ivanov is someone that came from this world?”

“That’s right! That name, those words from before, there’s no mistaking he’s person from my country!”

A certain country’s agents were excited about Mitsuha’s words.

“T, then, the 3 legendary sacred treasures it’s said that the hero had, Avtomat-Kalashnikov 47, Tokarev, and the thunder of God, ru pi ji 7, they were...”

“Eh, eh, eh!”

The men were on the verge of weeping.

“This is must be a meeting brought about by our ancestors and your country’s hero! Let’s us make a friendship treaty with your country!”

“...can I bud in?”

The man leaning on the table and moving to grasp Mitsuha’s hands was stopped by a new man’s voice.

The certain country’s agent looks behind him and scowls at the man who poured water on their precious momentum.

Apparently, it seems another team wanted to interfere with the previous one after feeling a sense of crisis from their sudden excitement.

“Princess, we would like to join in by all means...”

Mitsuha smiled and answered the man who cut in.

“Yes, please do! It would be troublesome to have the same conversation many times if it can be done all at once...”

The previous men grind their teeth.

Seeing that, the other groups stood in unison.

Then, they surround the people around Mitsuha.

A large number of suspicious men are cornering a girl, naturally unable to overlook this, the people here and there in the store use their cell phones and smartphones simultaneously. To report to the authorities of course.

There were women at some seats tightly gripping their cake knives and forks ready to help the girl if push comes to shove.

As the agents from many countries are all focusing on Mitsuha and those on the table, and they did not notice the movements behind them.

“Most civilians don’t want to get involved in anything unrelated to themselves so they pretend not to see most things. Besides, we aren’t doing anything suspicious or illegal either.”

For those whom such ideas have sunk in, they forgot what kind of customers this shop serves and how they will appear when they crowd around someone.

That a large number of men are surrounding a girl aged 11 to 12 was plenty suspicious and an incident worth reporting.

“Ah~, this is a bit too many people... It seems it would be better if we talk at a later date after picking another place.

Then, everyone, I will contact you again later, so can you give me your contact information?”

At Mitsuha’s words, the agents from different countries handed over addresses written on memos, business cards, and other preparations in a hurry.

Despite still making irritated faces, the agents from a certain country believed in their

superiority and thought, “Not yet, we can get her to agree on a secret rendezvous to continue our conversation again after getting rid of these extras, agreeing to change the location is a step towards that.” After all, they are the homeland of the hero who aided her ancestors.

And then, as those men hand over their contact information along with people from other countries think that, they came.

“Is this the stop where the calls were coming from?!”

Yes, 12 police officers were rushing in because of the numerous reports.

Many calls came at the same time reporting that a girl is surrounded by a large number of men and several patrol cars came to the site as a result.

As they look inside the shop, the policemen were calm.

“You guys, don’t move! Missy, do you know who these people are?”

Mitsuha responded brightly to the police officer’s words.

“No, I don’t know them. I was called out by them a little while ago because they want to talk, they said they’ll treat me to a meal and asked me to get in their car, but I had a bad feeling so I asked could we go to this shop instead...”

There was no lie. It was honesty itself.

“Ohh”, and the callers were impressed with the little girl’s cleverness and pleased that their actions were spot on.

Ehhh~, the agents from different countries were surprised.

And the policemen glare at the men with scary eyes.

Agents were taken by the police officers, Mitsuha was released after a brief on-site questioning and was treated to a parfait after being preached to not to go out alone by the older ladies who reported.

The agents from various countries caught by the police were questioned in various

ways, had their identities were examined, fingerprints taken and were meet with harsh shares.

They managed somehow to get released by continuing to insist on the story that only the first country's agents called out to Mitsuha and the others only happened to see and followed them out of worry, but because they were blatantly suspicious, public security was contacted.

Public security jumped out of joy. An agent's value drastically deteriorated when the country's public security take notice of them.

Well, while unable to tell the truth, they were still better off compared to a certain country's agents who were severely immobilize over the attempted kidnapping of a little girl.

One day, an email invite to an informal conference was delivered to the agents.

(Princess, you were serious...)

The agents that thought she was clearly buying time until the police came were surprised.

Certainly, the explanation that the princess told the police officers wasn't a lie. It seems that the princess wasn't the one who called the police but the other customers.

(Maybe, she was just obediently answering the police officer's question without any ill will?)

...Of course, there was no such a thing.

The agents from a certain country were thinking almost the same thing.

The fact that the princess talked to the police officer is just that.

"She wasn't aware of what that'll bring us, because she is ignorant about this world.

After all, our country is the home of their great hero," they didn't doubt their superiority.

"In 3 days, at that mercenary group's base..."

And 3 days after the delivery of the email invitations.

Mercenary Group Wolf Fang's base, strategy conference room.

In that room, which was large enough for all their members to gather, almost all the seats were filled. Most of them are the agents from different countries and the mercenary group members that were guarding Mitsuha. In addition to the countries that gathered at that sweet specialty shop, e-mails with an invitation and explanation of the previous events have been sent to several countries selected by Mitsuha, and these countries were also participating.

Because it's an urgent and also unofficial negotiation, there wasn't much room for ministers holding important officials in a country to participate so for many countries the top of their information divisions along with their inner circle took part. Of course, with considerable discretion. The time for foreign bureaucracy is still ahead.

"Everyone, thank you for coming a long way this day. We have gathered here to have an informal conference with everyone who requested diplomatic relations with my territory"

The meeting started with Mitsuha taking responsibility.

"First of all, as written in the invitation letters, the matter of the tribute"

Originally, a tribute is something that a poorer country gives a richer country and the richer country will give back in return something worth several times as what they were given. But Mitsuha changed it to something more convenient for her.

The representatives from the different countries who wish to have negotiations for themselves competed in their tributes. Wherein Mitsuha receives them all and presents a return gift only to those who brought what she liked the most. There's little monetary value in the return gift so it's also something of an honor to be chosen, It's at the level of a so-called "commemorative gift". Furthermore, it won't give them any advantage at the negotiations.

...To put it frankly, it was a scam.

However, each country was brimming with motivation to win this gift contest to get

the princess's favor.

Jewelry. Dresses. Honorary ranks. Various gifts follow.

The national representatives leaked snickers when a certain country came with a smug face carrying a 3 set of AK – 47 Assault Rifle, Tokarev automatic handgun, and RPG – 7. In addition to all being obsolete old weapons, they cost a negligible amount of money. But that country's representatives were confident.

However, there was no sign of the princess being moved by any tribute.

And then came a small developing country's turn.

"The deeds for 2 used human paddled wooden ships, 13 meters in length and 3 meters in width."

Snickers leaked from among the people present once again. However.

"Eehh!"

Representatives were surprised by the fierce reaction of the princess.

"I, is that true?! How, how did you know..."

"Yes, our country has neither money or special products, so we hoped to bring you at the very least a little delight and heard that you once said that you wanted a wooden ship when we ask the mercenary group various things..."

"Un, un, I want! I wanted it! Ah, now we can start using dragnets, it'll be a stopgap until we can construct a new type of ship on our own for fishing with nets..."

Mitsuha's biting made the representative of a large country panic and shout "We will also provide a large ship from our country!" but the topic was closed and discarded with how getting a powered ship that her people can't maintain or repair wouldn't be very useful and it won't help her people build one as a reference.

In the end, the small country that presented the wooden ships were chosen for the return gift, they were awarded a pair of live rabbits with horn on their heads, ornaments that aren't like anything seen on Earth made of a strange metal, and 2

another world travel tickets for 2 nights and 3 days.

For Mitsuha it was as good as nothing, but delegates from each country were staring at the gifts with the eyes that said: “we’ll steal them even if we have to kill!”

They finally realized that they were fundamentally wrong in choosing jewelry and dresses for their gifts, but it was too late.

However, it wasn’t like Mitsuha wasn’t pleased to get more jewelry. They are useful simply as cash items. Just, for now, she was more happy at those that have directly contributed to the development of her territory rather than anyone giving her cash.

And thus the ceremony was over and, the negotiations finally began.

Chapter 44

Informal Conference 2

“Well then, let’s get to the main topic. First of all, you all want to have diplomatic relations with us, so why are you asking me such a thing?”

“”Huh...””

The participants don’t understand what Mitsuha is saying.

“Although I was originally in a suitable position in a certain country, now I have left that country and am in the care of another country. And there I was granted land and I now manage a small territory.

In other words, I’m only free to do at my discretion things concerning my own territory, and it won’t be possible to negotiate with other countries, conclude treaties, or bring troops into the country without the permission of the king”

Representatives from the different countries who thought Mitsuha was a princess of a country were surprised.

“But, during the fight with the Demon army...”

“At that time, I did not have time to spare, so I use my former position to lead a volunteer army with the heroes from this world. The bounty was the volunteer army’s reward. I am only a regional lord now.”

“T, then, diplomacy is...”

“Yes, there is no such authority within regional lords, and we cannot invite other people to the country without permission”

Mitsuha answers the representatives’ questions one after another.

And, the delegates from each country were confused because what Mitsuha said was

very different from what they thought.

“Then, you simply need to act as an intermediary with the king...”

“What will you need an intermediary for?”

“Of course naturally, for offering diplomatic intercourse, dispatch of envoys, talks of trade...”

“...How?”

“Huh?”

The representatives look blankly at Mitsuha who asked that question.

“No, I was asking how will you dispatch your envoys and trade?”

“””Huh?”””

“Do you have many people with the ability to teleport world-to-world in your countries, great people who don’t need to shave off their lives to teleport things other than themselves unlike like me?”

“””Huh...”””

The strategy meeting room falls silent.

“Eh, did everyone here intend to have me carry them all?

I would die right away if such a thing is done. What do you plan on doing after that?”

“”” ... ”””

“Um, are there others with that ability...”

“This ability of mine was gifted to me accidentally by a wandering god that happened to pass through my world, I am the only one in my world, and it is not something that can be taught to others.”



Mitsuha returns a hopeless answer to the questions of the people present.

“U, um, then this...”

The representative of a small country tries to return the travel ticket after learning that teleporting while accompanying others will shorten Mitsuha’s lifespan. Apparently, it seems that the representative of this country isn’t an agent. This person is too nice.

“Oh, that’s okay... If it’s the cost of carrying a person, that’ll recover over time... The ship has enough value to worth shaving off some vitality.”

The representative of a certain country that stands up upon hearing this.

“Then, we want to be guided to the princess’s home country! As a person from the home country of the hero, I want our countries to be joined with greetings and ceremonies of friendship!!”

Ignoring the dumbfounded looks from every direction that asks, “what ridiculous things does he have to say now?”, the representative of a certain country argues further.

“For the future of your home country and for our Russia!”

“Russia? Is that the name of your country?”

To Mitsuha’s question, the representative thinks, “Oh, I had not said my country’s name until now.” When you are engaged in intelligence-base work, it becomes a habit to not state your name or your country’s name as much as possible.

“Yes, I apologize for the delay, but my motherland is the Russian Federation!”

“Eh...”

Mitsuha is surprised.

A certain country’s representative has a puzzled expression seeing upon seeing Mitsuha’s state.

“You have deceived me! The homeland of hero Ivanov is not a country with that name!”

At Mitsuha’s sudden anger, “Eh?”, a certain country’s representative was surprised.

“The name of the homeland of hero Ivanov is the ‘Union of Soviet Socialist Republic’!”

“Ah”, and the representative begins to relax.

“That is the former name of our country, only the name of the country has changed”

“Huh? Is it not that another country had invaded, or that it has been usurped in a civil war?”

“No, Russia was our country’s original name, it merged with other countries under the Soviet name, and returned to its original name once more, except for the country name everything remains the same.”

Mitsuha makes a relieved face after that explanation.

“Is that so? The hero was certainly from within the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, in a region named something like Kuraina, but now it is Kuraina of the Russian Federation is it not...”

Bufuuu~~~!!

The sound of people bursting into laughter can be heard all over the strategy conference room.

Ukraine...

Crimea invasion...

Whispers were being murmured here and there.

Mitsuha asked one of them with a dubious face.

“What is the matter? Please explain what you are talking about!”

The nominated man desperately endured his laughter and explained.

“No, um, Ukraine is a country that has been suffering from cruel experiences with Russia since long ago, such as the massacre of their people... Recently, they have been invaded by the region called Crimea which is why the conflict is continuing in the country even now.”

“Said too much”, a certain country’s representative scowls.

Mitsuha looks at him with cold eyes.

Of course, she knew about Ukraine.

“You deceived me...”

“N, no, that’s not...”

With this, everything this certain country says can be ignored from now on.

At any rate, he tried to deceive the princess and is an enemy of the hero’s home country.

A reason for completely ignoring or crushing the cries of the one who seems the most persistent from meddling one way or another in the future is created. The plan seems to have worked well.

“That is why even if you ask for diplomatic relations...

I cannot carry large amounts of items to trade, and even for earning money with small items, since I know the market price of this world, I won’t let things like trading a disposable lighter for a gold coin happen.

In the first place, grains equivalent to small and poor quality wheat, a small amount of seafood, animal meat that is not known whether it would pass this world’s sanitary standards, things from the world over there will have no demand in this world. Besides, I do not intend to carry over an endless number of things from this world and crush the economic activities and industries there or let a lot of gold and jewelry drain away. That won’t be a trade in the first place.

I do not know when I would get into an accident or get sick, and I have no intention of taking on the serious responsibility of being an intermediary between countries or act

as a substitute for a horse.

So, everyone, what do you want me to do specifically? Something that won't disadvantage me and my world's countries?"

The conference room becomes noisy, but there's no particular remark.

Among them, one of the representatives of a small country raised his hands and asked for permission to speak.

"Um, can you not take samples of minerals or living things..."

The others too went, "yes, that's it", their eyes shining.

Unknown creatures and undiscovered metals. What riches will they bring forth... Various discoveries are still being made from the dragon materials even now.

"Oh, if it is that much... Yes, you're right, then I will deliver samples to your country and the country where I have received the ships. If any discoveries become known, please share them with us."

"O, of course!"

Representatives of the 2 countries are delighted. "Eeeh", and the other country representatives are shocked.

"Wait a moment, handling of living things requires high technological power! You need a major nation with flawless management and epidemic prevention readiness to regulate things like unknown germs and parasites!"

"Oh, that is fine, since I make sure harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites and the like are not teleported during the teleportation, if you can prevent them from escaping and breeding in the natural world..."

Mitsuha careless told the desperately arguing US representative.

Yes, this was the reason that Mitsuha can teleport without worrying about bringing along pathogenic bacteria. It was reliably contained in the teleportation ability explanation that "it" pushed into Mitsuha's head.

“”Eh...””

The meeting room is stunned again.

Mitsuha didn't realize the significance of what she just said.

And among the representatives, a gentle elderly man stood up. This man is also not likely a person in the intelligence field. Maybe from the foreign affairs field...

“Princess, that, supposing, if, death. Cancer after a year, I have been told, um, when being moved by teleporting, what will happen if say “the cancer cells are left behind” during teleportation...”

“Huh...”

I never thought about it.

What if I teleport a sick person? Leaving behind pathogens.

(Ah, if only I knew when Marguerite-chan was...)

Mitsuha holds her head.

And the conference room is wrapped in a strange silence.

Mutter, mutter, mutter...

(This is bad! If this information spreads, it'll be serious...)

As expected Mitsuha has also realized. This ridiculous secondary effect of her teleportation.

I have to somehow keep them from talking.

But, the spies from all over the world gathered here of all people?

“L, let's give it a try then...”

Mitsuha said with a trembling voice.

She invites the man and teleports deep in the mountains in the other world. Then, teleports again while being conscious of “not carrying cancer cells” to return.

“Bechari”, small amounts of blood and cell mass falls on the spot where the 2 disappeared.

The reason why she didn’t do it at the first teleportation is, of course, because the room would get dirty.

Mitsuha and the man who disappeared just moments ago stands as if nothing had happened.

The conference room is still silent.

“...My body feels light”

It might be the placebo effect. It’s unknown if it’s true without an examination, but everyone thought the cancer cells might be gone.

“E, everyone!”

Mitsuha raises her voice in a hurry.

“Nothing happens, is that clear, nothing happened, nobody saw anything.”

Sweat dripping.

“I forbid you all from disclosing anything about this matter alone. To your superiors and people even higher up.

If a high ranking person from some country makes some kind of approach about this matter, that country will be prohibited from having any technology or information related to the other world made available by the other countries. If violated, the same penalty will be carried out on the providing country. Things developed from the dragon research too, everything. Of course, contact with me is completely prohibited. Any country that tried to mediate for them even a little will face a similar penalty. However...”

Taking in a breath.

“If the secret is protected, I promise the same medical treatment as just now only for those who are here and their families; their wives, and children if the need arises.

However, if the secret leaks, this promise will be invalid for everyone. Because the need for keeping silent will be lost if exposed. And, the people here and their families; government officials, information officials, and their relatives hereafter will no longer receive any treatment.”

After thinking for a while, she further added.

“Oh, if leaked, it may be possible to restore the compensation for keeping silent only if all the people who know are dead except for those who are here now, including the person who leaked, and confirmation that all records are completely erased is obtained...”

The room falls silent.

The audiences mutually exchange looks at each other faces.

The information will definitely leak if reported to the higher tops.

Everyone holds their own and their family’s lives dear. And, aside from a handful of intelligence specialists that are pro among pros, their bosses are just desk workers, politicians who are just people if they fail in their re-election, they will definitely jump on it. If done poorly, they might bite on for money if not themselves and their family.

And if the secret leaks out.

These guys would be fine with killing. If it’s for themselves.

Perhaps for the sake of their family too.

Everyone felt that the secret would be protected for some reason or another.

‘That way, our nation’s interests will be met by the result.’

After that, I had a meeting with the 2 countries that will be provided with samples and talk about tools such as a spinning wheel that can be introduced into Viscounty.

As expected, networking with not developed countries but small developing countries was beneficial. That said, selecting several honest small countries to invite was the right call. Rather than mostly intelligence staff, the small countries seem to have involved their diplomatic relations and ministers class personnel. The small countries are agile.

“After that, if needed, contact me via the captain, do not contact me in town, do not follow me, I will thereafter have nothing to do with the offending country and won’t talk with them either”, I outright said and adjourned.

Anyway, they’ll probably stop wandering around aimlessly with this.

Well, I don’t think that the big countries will obediently stay silent, but for now.

Chapter 45

To the Capital.

No, I go there all the time...

“Mitsuha, we’ll head to the capital. Make preparations immediately.”

“Huh...”

Suddenly appearing at the Yamano Viscounty residence and saying so was the familiar Earl Boses. The Viscounty’s servants are no longer concerned by the sudden visits of the Boses family. Even when it’s the Earl himself.

Are they accustomed or do they think that “Mitsuha-sama is even greater”...

“It’s the social season, and since the number of bandits hasn’t been reduced much yet, we’ll go to the capital together for safety”

“Eh, a year hasn’t passed yet...”

“There are several social seasons in a year. There’s no reason it would be limited to once”

“Ehh, is that how it is!?”

Mitsuha was surprised by the Earl’s words because she thought it was definitely once a year.

“Um, right now, it’s an important time for the territory... I have to pass on this trip to the capital.”

“What are you saying! What are you going to do if you are absent during your first social season after becoming a noble? Even when everyone wants to talk with Mitsuha...”

“No, that’s why I don’t want to”, thought Mitsuha.

However, that didn't seem to draw any sympathy from the Earl.

"Even though this is why I said I'll lend you a vassal... We'll depart from the territory the day after tomorrow. If you don't hurry up, Iris and Beatrice will come to pick you up"

"Eeh..."

Apparently, it seems the Earl absolutely can't back out either. Because of the hierarchy in the house.

However, it's not possible to be away from the territory for a long period right now. It's an important time.

She can come back as soon as she reaches the capital. It's not like she'll always be around the Earl and others. For the people here, it was better if they thought "she didn't go to the capital and is simply frequently absent doing business."

There won't be anyone trying to confirm whether Mitsuha was in the capital or in the Viscounty during that period. Everyone in the Earl's family will meet Mitsuha every few days in the capital so it's unlikely anyone would needlessly confirm.

However, the eight days during the move will hurt. No, there will be a cart loaded with luggage and it'll move slowly emphasizing on ride quality, so it will take more time than in the case of a carriage...

"Um, I'll come by myself later..."

"No! I told you that the bandits haven't been reduced yet! And if we don't go together then there's no mean... No..."

The Earl spoke ambiguously after making a sound argument.

Apparently, it seems they wanted to talk with Mitsuha about various things the ten days of travel. The Earl or maybe Iris-sama, with Beatrice-chan, and Theodore-kun.

However, she can't leave the territory unattended that long.

“It’s going to continue to be a problem from now on and the Earl should be okay” so Mitsuha resolved.

“Earl, there’s a little secret I have to tell you”

Hearing that, Mitsuha cleared the room and give the Earl who stopped his voice an explanation.

“If truth be told, I seem to have considerable talent in terms of magic, when I use the secret art of “crossing”, if it’s me alone or if it’s a small amount of luggage, there isn’t as much of a burden. I can quickly recover if it’s that much...

However, if this becomes exposed, people forcing the use of “crossing” to start negotiations and trade with their home countries will appear without fail and the demand will definitely escalate accordingly. And that’ll soon exceed my limit. So I reported the burden to be considerably greater.

In other words, if I am alone, I can instantly go to my place in the capital by “crossing”, so I’ll manage the territory here until I can go”

“Huh...”

The Earl is surprised.

But that felt more like a response to Mitsuha revealing it rather than from Mitsuha’s ability. Perhaps, it was natural that he had expected that much.

Actually, Mitsuha also thought that the Earl probably had suspicions.

“Umm...”

The Earl was in trouble. Now that the sound arguments of “safety on the road” and “can’t be late for the start of the social season” has been sealed, It’s hard to say “no” because he’s fully aware how important managing the territory is. However, having the Boses family monopolize Mitsuha for ten days was too attractive.

Of course “what wisdom can be drawn out”, is a part of it but the interaction with his wife and children also has great meaning. More than anything, his wife and children strongly desire it.

They planned to join with his firstborn son, Alexis, and there was the hope that it would go well with either one of his sons.

However, he also understands the importance of managing the territory and wants to put emphasis on that, and there's also that she confided a secret out of trust for him. He couldn't be insensitive to those feelings.

"Mumumu..."

After worrying for a while, the Earl finally made a decision and said.

"I understand. I'll persuade Iris and Beatrice somehow. Instead, you have to arrive earlier and greet us when we arrive at the capital, I don't have confidence I can explain to the two anything other than saying 'she already left'..."

Mitsuha nods and sees the Earl off.

However, the words the Earl said while returning, "This will be a big favor...", she couldn't agree with.

(That, is a problem in the Earl's household, isn't it none of my concern.)

Anyway, if they leave the day after tomorrow, it seems that the number of usable days is ten if early, about twelve to thirteen if late. There will be various unexpected obstacles, like weather, carriage breakdowns, bandits, and landslides, traveling for the people in this world will naturally have uncertain elements.

(Well, I guess I should go in around nine days...)

In the meantime, Mitsuha thought what needs to be done in the capital.

First of all, securing a chef. Because the son of the eatery decided to work at the eatery after learning Yamano cooking, a chef for the Viscount residence is needed. Otherwise, the current lone chef will collapse.

Also, a woodworker or shipbuilder.

Probably, there won't be any shipbuilders. The demand is too little, and there's no way

those not around here facing the sea would be at the capital far from the sea.

And so, she advances the territory's plans in a hurry before time gets taken by the capital.

Starting the trial production of soy sauce, miso, and tofu. If it's just starting, everyone in the villages can do their best with trial and error. I'll go watch from time to time.

Also, the cultivation of wasabi begins. It's necessary for fish dishes and it can be used for other dishes too. Its sterilization effect improves the preservation of processed foods. I might find it if I looked for it even in this world, but I brought it from Japan because that would be troublesome. Not land wasabi (hill wasabi), but water wasabi (mountain stream wasabi). Starting with root division rather than from a seed. Grown on the foothills on the sides of a mountain stream on the upper reaches of a river. A wasabi that likes beautiful running water.

And so, because the practice training on the ship received from the small country was over, we finally tried dragnet fishing. Since it's the first time, it was a better catch than I thought. Even with many catches, it's troublesome to process so let's not do this very often until the market expands. They're migratory fish, so it's unlikely we'll end up "catching everything" though.

We made it a little cheaper and began a big fish sale, dried and salted fish are being produced, pickled with salt from the salt field, which finally began production. I bought some for Pez-san who came just in time to peddle for selling them in the capital. I also sold salt. It's for investigating how much we can sell, so the amount is only a little. It's a small salt field so there's not a lot of production anyway. I also want to check the merchants' response to rock salt.

I talked with Pez-san who currently leads three carriages about whether if he can increase them to about five. He seems to be earning quite a lot of money from Japanese goods and is considering increasing the number of trades.

Well, Japanese goods are only being sold little by little, but if you strike well with noble customers you ought to have a good business. Although I don't do it myself because it is troublesome.

I don't want to directly advertise to nor negotiate with nobles. I'm fine with only the customers at the store.

My own store in the capital is thoroughly for pushing Earth's products... *cough *cough, it is a store that markets high price and low quantity, we do not handle things with short expiration dates and things sold in large quantities, and articles from this world. With some exceptions... Also, it's only open for a few days.

Besides, the territory's economy will collapse in an instant if I die, because that'll hurt my conscience, I want to make the territory's economy function all on its own completely without my involvement.

As soon as possible, there has to be sufficient profit for Pez-san just from domestic production without Japanese products. Introducing good things like homemade handicraft or light industry... Once again, things like processed foods, textiles, general goods, and papermaking...

While doing this and that, nine days passed in an instant.

From today on, for the people of the territory, it will be "Because I going around here and there inspecting and doing a survey, I'm absent". For the people of the capital let's say "Because I am busy negotiating with various places to sell products from the territory, I'm absent from the store."

There's also the need to manage my house in Japan and "appeal that I'm living properly", and it'll be bad if I don't do something about the 'what job I have' matter. Let try saying "it's a small import business", like "I sell these traditional folk goods, furniture, and swords as antiques". Something like taxes and registration seems troublesome... Better yet, let's change my address to out of the country... , wait, no no. I have to protect that house.

Besides, it seems about time the big countries come up with some approach.

They're not countries that'll remain silent while small countries take all the delicious spots, probably. Well, I think they'll come via the captain according to the rules that were decided.

...Oh, troublesome! The territory, the capital, Japan, and the captain place with the big countries... I can't deal with something like a four-front war!

"...Hey, Mitsuha-neesama, don't you want to leave the shop to me?"

Aaah, a whisper of the devil!

“Sa, Sabine-chan, what do you mean...”

Having quickly gotten wind that Mitsuha is staying in the kingdom, Sabine-chan said as soon as she arrived at the store to the trembling Mitsuha.

In my short-term capital visits, I haven't encounter Sabine-chan. Appearing to be frequently coming to the capital would be strange and I can't do my job if she sticks closely around me.

“But neesama, the store is always closed. I can open it and be the salesperson. I also learned to operate the Debude, and what if I manage the third floor too. I'm fine with living here.”

Is, is that your motive~! You just want to freely use the DVD player and resources here, Sabine-chan!!

On the first floor, the DVDs, refrigerator, microwave oven, gas range, oven, the shower in the bath, the fan in the heater...

Also, looks like she has also noticed the existence of the resources on the third floor.

No wonder, because all this is on the first floor, one can easily imagine that there will also be a lot on the third floor, which is a private space.

However...

“B. but, what if some strange customers come and give you a hard time...”

“Ahaha, Do you think there will be people who give the store of the “Princess Shrine Maiden of Thunder” a hard time? Besides, of course, I won't be alone, but working together with an escort like a lady's maid retainer. If not, I won't be able to watch the Debude at ease don't you agree.”

She's going serious, this girl!

No, but, that might be ok...

I don't want to leave it to an unknown person, but if it's Sabine-chan... , No, don't be deceived, me!!

What general shop owner makes a princess tend to the store!

Also, the third floor will instantly be consumed if that is done, the teleportation will immediately be exposed if I disappear or materialize in the store.

However, if I leave the shop in someone else's care it would be quite easier...

"Ha, haha, I, I'll think about it..."

"Tsk" Sabine clicks her tongues at Mitsuha who managed to overcome the temptation.

And, right then, a child from city's orphanage rushed in.

"Himemiko-sama, I'm here!"

"I already told you to stop calling me that!"

While scolding, Mitsuha hands over the reward and sweets as a bonus.

In their free time when not being helpers at the institution's vegetable garden and raising poultry, the children at orphanages will voluntarily do errand runner like work. Mitsuha has occasionally asked children to do tasks and this was one of those times. The content of the request is "to watch the outer gate of the town and inform me as soon as the Boses Earldom carriage comes." She had drawn the Earl's family crest and handed it over so he'll know at a glance if he see their carriage.

There are a lot of orphans who want to receive the requests of Mitsuha who always gives sweets aside from the reward. No, before that, it seemed to be an honor to have "received the request of Himemiko-sama", and among orphans the competition was high.

After the boy received the reward and sweets, he said his thanks and ran away. Probably to send notice to the Boses residence in the capital. Although it hasn't been particularly requested, if he informs that "Earl Boses' carriage has reached the neighborhood, Himemiko-sama will come soon", he could possibly get a reasonable

reward. In particular, the value of the information that Mitsuha will also come will be high. If you miss a rare making money opportunity, you can't be called a first-class orphan.

“...No, what's a ‘first-class orphan’”, it was Mitsuha that didn't not think that.

Anyway, close the shop, and head toward the Boses residence in the capital. The group riding a cart isn't very fast but even so, there's not much time considering the orphan boy's travel time.

Like I promised the Earl, I greet them “appealing that I came to the capital ahead of time” and if I don't, the Earl's position will be in danger.

And, Sabine-chan followed for some reason.

Ah, come to think of it, Beatrice-chan is your friend.

Chapter 46

Transaction

When Mitsuha arrived at the Boses residence in the capital, the servants had already lined up in a row for welcoming. Usually, they would need to prepare in a hurry when the carriage arrives; with a few people lined up in front of the door and the others back-breakingly getting the tea, footbath, and the bath for removing the sweat and dirt ready. This was unavoidable because the estimated arrival time can vary around several days, It's difficult to prepare in advance before they arrive.

It appears that the orphan boy did a good job. He is probably bouncing around.

The butler Rufus takes the front of the row at the same time Mitsuha and Sabine arrive at the Boses residence. All the Boses residence's servants know Sabine as well. Rufus had all the servants go to Mitsuha's store to memorize Sabine's face because she is frequently with Mitsuha and it would be a major incident if they were by some chance rude.

The Earl's group arrived shortly thereafter. Having changed her position from the safest seat in the middle to the side when they arrived at the capital, Beatrice who's the first to comes down from the Earl's family carriage was surprised to notice Sabine next to Mitsuha when she was about to jump at her.

"H... huh?"

"Long time no see Beatrice-chan"

Sabine greet Beatrice with a smile while clinging to Mitsuha's arm.

"Gununu..."

And Beatrice groaned with a regretful face for some reason.

Mitsuha smiles wryly.



“Oh my, what are you doing I wonder...”

“Here comes Iris-sama!”

“Huh...”

Mitsuha turns blue, her heart’s voice unexpectedly leaked out of her mouth from Iris-sama’s words that sounded like something she heard once before.

And, Iris-sama puffs her cheeks at being treated like the last boss.

Sabine, Beatrice and the men breathe out a sigh while seeing off Mitsuha who was grabbed and pulled by the nape of her neck.

“““Haa~...”“““

“So, why did you depart early alone without contacting us?”

Iris-sama was furious.

She thought that they would be finally traveling together with Mitsuha so she was especially sour.

“N, no that, that was right when the work had reached a point where I can take a break...”

“Then, you could have come to our place in that case!”

(N, no! I need a reason...)

Mitsuha hurried.

(Because there was a way to move quickly... , a car? A bicycle... it’s no good, even if that could be a reason for a leaving late, it won’t be a reason for leaving early...)

Waaaa, and then, while Mitsuha was filled with impatience and anxiety, a lifeboat was tossed in from an unexpected direction.

“Oh, that’s because I asked her”

“Huh?”

Iris-sama and Earl were surprised at Sabine-chan's words.

Mitsuha almost raised her voice too but managed to suppress it somehow.

“It's because I have been sending letters to “come to capital as soon as possible”, and with fairly strong words...”

If the princess says so, they can't be angry anymore. Because that'll be blaming her for obeying the princess's request after all.

In addition, the fact that the two people welcomed them together increased the credibility.

Reluctantly, Iris-sama gives up any further pursuit.

When Mitsuha looks at Sabine-chan with gratitude thinking “I'm saved”, a wicked smile appeared on that face.

(Oh shoooooot!!!)

Weakness was seized!

Mitsuha was shocked.

Probably, she realizes that there is a reason it can't be honestly told.

And the bright Sabine-chan probably read from the Earl's attitude that “the Earl knows the reason”.

Sabine-chan never touches on the secrets Mitsuha really needs to protect. However, she does think that it's okay to know if “someone else knows”. Or rather, maybe she can't forgive “other people knowing something about Mitsuha that she doesn't know.”

In other words, what that would mean is... that her pursuit will not stop until Mitsuha speaks her secret.

Speak it or present something else as a bargaining chip...

Either way, it'll be a transaction where a big loss was certain.

"...so, you will tell me right, Mitsuha-neesama"

"Uu..."

As expected, she's pursuing it.

"Um, please ask for something else..."

"Then, the right to use the store as much as I please"

"P, please spare me from that..."

That's right, that thing I was thinking about, what about that? And that.

"Sabine-chan, actually, I have something nice for you but what do you think?"

"It's no good unless it's something that'll convince me?"

"That's fine! Now, choose the one you like from between these two.

First. A vehicle that doesn't take up much space and has the maintenance fees covered, fine even on a narrow road and faster than a carriage with Sabine-chan by herself.

The other is a magical tool that'll let me talk to Sabine-chan in the capital even when I am in my Viscounty. Now, which do you like better? "

"Huh..."

Sabine-chan hardens out of surprise.

And an escort guard pretending to be casual in the corner of a shop hardens in fear.

That's natural, the escorts will be many times worse if Sabine-chan obtains mobility that'll let her to rush down narrow roads faster than a horse-drawn carriage.

“U, um, is both no good...”

...It came out, the uncle's killer upturned eyes!

But that doesn't work against me!

“No! Only one or the other”

Sabine-chan, who was ~uu~ groaning for a while eventually chose the second “magical tool to talk to Mitsuha in the Viscounty”. That one was more convenient for Mitsuha too. It was one of the safety measures she was thinking about preparing and she couldn't come up with a suitable person to entrust it with other than Sabine-chan, so she got a pretty good excuse.

In the back, the escort seemed to be relieved bottom of their heart.

No, I'm sorry I made you worry.

The next day, I checked Sabine-chan's room and its surroundings in the royal palace and I teleported to Japan after I got the king's permission to install the equipment. And first I went to the solar power supplier.

Since this is the third time after the store in the capital and the Viscount residence, the talk proceeds smoothly and I made an immediate decision to buy a power generation unit and power storage device. This time it was a very small and simple thing.

And next, to Akihabara.

It has now become an otaku town but some remnants of the past still remain.

The shop she went to was an amateur radio specialty store.

Actually, Mitsuha earned s amateur radio qualification when she was a middle school student due to her father's influence. The qualification was meant for the socializing with her father, or rather making her family happy, but she has roughly mastered everything.

Presently where everyone who would have flowed towards amateur radios in the old days goes to computers, the amateur radio industry has completely become a sunset

industry. However, the elderly maniacs are still alive and new equipment is being developed.

(google: sunset industry means an old and declining industry.)

Walking into the store, Mitsuha was like an adult buying a large number of collectible items aimed at children.

No, in this industry, even an adult wouldn't buy much.

In any case, she bought 3 of the latest HF-band and VHF-band fixed-mounted radios and VHF handheld radios. The antenna will be a ground plane covering 8 bands from 3.5 MHz to 430 MHz.

Various other things were brought like 3 antennas, a coaxial cable, and a connector. Tools are unnecessary because they are at home.

No, science has made progress. In the old equipment that father had, the HF radio goes up to 28 MHz; and 50 MHz, 144 MHz and 430 MHz each had dedicated devices, the ground plane antenna only works for 144 MHz and higher, so you even needed to set up a stupidly large 21 MHz antenna, a 3.5 MHz, or a 7 MHz horizontal half-wavelength dipole... And yet, with 2 transceivers you can get full coverage of 430 MHz and the lower bands and you only need a small ground plane antenna...



(tl note: left 21 MHz, right ground plane antenna)

Since it'll be used in places that the radio law won't reach, I picked an HF radio with an output of 200W without holding back. I would have needed a second qualification in Japan, but there is no problem if it's in another world. The VHF fixed-mount is 50W, the handheld is 5W.



Dear me, very different compared to the used T S — 5 2 0 X and T R — 2 2 0 0 G I got from father.



My father seems to have used a Yaesu F — 5 0 B line when he was young, but the transmitter and the receiver were in separate enclosures, what era did it come from? Maybe it's something used during World War II? My family is too good at taking care of our things...



There will probably be an ionosphere in that world too. Because it's a requirement for being so similar.

Can sporadic E happen? Well, let's not expect sporadic E and radio propagation.

Let 144 and 430 be for communication in the same town, 3.5 and 7 MHz for the contact between the capital and the Viscounty. 50 will... , have no turn I guess.

The baggage I bought was too much to carry until I find a suitable place even for teleporting somewhere, so I asked for a time specific delivery from a courier service and returned home.

At a later date, the capital's store's antenna was set up by Kunz-san from the woodworking shop. I thought that much wasn't something I couldn't do by myself though, but just in case. It'll be troublesome if it collapses from something like strong winds.

I also had the one in the royal palace was done by Kunz-san. There was also the connection between the capacitor and the solar power generation unit, so I thought this should be left to the professionals. I did the wiring myself of course.

As for the one in the territory's mansion, as expected I installed everything by myself. Since the power supply has already been set up, the only construction was installing

the antenna. It was nice that the ground plane was easy to install.

I taught only Sabine-chan and Anton-san the butler the operation method of the radio. Told them not to touch the fine adjustment parts and only explain the minimum operation part. I handed over a picture of the basic state of the switch and dial as a precaution In case someone touches it.

For the place they were installed, the Viscount Residence is the study. In the royal palace, is of course, Sabine's room.

Above all, I instructed to absolutely not let anyone else touch it.

Furthermore, the frequency setting of those in the Viscount residence and those in the royal palace have been changed. So they won't be able to listen.

With this, I can check that there's nothing wrong in the Viscounty every day at a regular time even if I don't return to the territory every time. Anton-san doesn't think that I'm in the capital so it won't seem suspicious if I come back immediately in an emergency.

Of course, I won't contact Sabine-chan on a set schedule. She always comes to the shop so I don't need to do that. It should be fine because we practiced many times.

It has been arranged to periodical contact Sabine-chan and check that there's nothing wrong in the capital after the social season ends and I returned to the territory.

With this, the possibility of a major incident in the capital or territory when I'm not teleporting for a while is reduced. Since Sabine-chan and Anton-san are quite well-informed people, they will probably let me know as soon as anything happens.

Ah, a LED lights and a small refrigerator was also bought because of Sabine-chan's stubborn request. Well, there's some leeway with the power so it's fine. The power consumption of the radio is low in the reception state, and it can be turned off when not in use. Nobody can use it when Sabine-chan's not in the room after all.

In addition, a kettle pot, electric fan, warm air heater, DVD playback device, the requests kept escalating one after another so they were all rejected. What do you think is the power supply system is for...

You can't even understand Japanese unless I translate the DVDs in the first place!

Chapter 47

Securing Personnel 2

First, let's secure human resources as initially planned.

For the time being, the engineers for building the wooden ship.

It will be difficult to gather many and firing them when the ship is done is a bit awful.

It would be more reasonable to first hire a single specialist and then get the villagers to help.

So that's why I came to Kunz-san of the woodworking shop.

No, I have to make the most of my connections and networking.

...If only I did so last time.

"Excuse me, do you have an extra craftsman~?"

"Suddenly coming, I wondered who it was gonna be, but isn't it the goddess...?"

Kunz-san came out from the back with an amazed face.

"Is it a rush job again? If you are fine with me and 2 ~ 3 greener ones, I can quickly prepare them..."

"No, this time I looking for people to come and stay in our territory. I'm looking for someone with good enough arms to make anything from farm tools and accessories to fishing boats and buildings."

"Huh..."

Kunz-san makes an awkward, yet troubled expression.

“No, indeed that’s a bit much... moving from the capital to the over there will be quite hard for those with families, and young talents are mostly those who want to hone their skills in a town and earn a name for themselves. Besides, most of them are trying to become professional craftsmen in a specific department, not a jack of all trades.

Even if it’s a request from the goddess, this is no less than a matter affecting someone and their family entire lives...”

It’s hopeless...

“Excu~se me, do you have an extra cook~?”

“Suddenly coming, I wondered who it was gonna be, but isn’t it Mitsuha-san...?”

Bernt-san came out from the back with an amazed face.

Somehow, I have a sense of déjà vu, I have a bad feeling... about this conversation.

This place is, no need to say, Paradise Pavilion(Rakuentei).

No, you wouldn’t know if I didn’t say I guess...

Anyway, if talking about if chefs that I know, there’s no option but here.

“Do you have any idea of someone who might want to be a cook in my territory?”

“We~ll, youngins often come wanting to learn Yamano cooking by training at my place. But I’ll be darned, they didn’t want to train seriously and just want to learn Yamano cooking to use it as an asset for making easy money. After learning Yamano cooking, they’ll quit right away.”

...That’ll be a problem.

“Besides, it would still be better if it was a noble’s residence in the capital or a territory close to the capital, but a skilled cook for Mitsuha’s territory, somewhere on the very edge of the country, and even more, it’s a dead end rural place that leads to nowhere right...

No, there’ll still some who would want to go even then, but they’re, well...”

“What? Is there something about them?”

Bernt-san says hatefully and informed her.

That Mitsuha is thought of quite enthusiastically by some men.

If whether a young woman can put the food made by a man with abnormal goodwill, affection and obsession towards her in her mouth with peace of mind.

“Ahhhhh~ ~ ~ !!!”

“...right?”

“...un”

Having given up, Mitsuha hurried home.

Oh, I have to look into food carts...

The “spread the specialty products in the capital tactic”, that I devised as part of developing the territory.

No, I do think the tactic’s name is exactly what it is, but my family doesn’t have any naming sense.

So, anyway, spread it in the capital, Yamano Viscounty being the only supplier, that one.

The first step in it is the shiitake mission, the second is the popcorn plan.

For shiitake mushrooms, I have instructed for dried shiitake mushrooms to be sent to capital at Petz-san’s convenience as soon as they are done. Then we supply them for the dishes at Paradise Pavilion.

At the same time, General Store Mitsuha will make offers to supply things for making dishes at noble parties. No one can resist!... For a fee of course.

Fuhaha, now, it’s only a matter of time before the capital is under my control!!

So, though we're waiting for the harvest with the shiitake mushrooms, I'm thinking of going ahead toward sales with the popcorn.

Since there's still time before the planted explosive species of corn in the territory can be harvested, I cheated a little with the dried explosive species brought from Earth, as in, the tactic in where a cooking show says, "we have prepared the completed thing here", the "already in demand by the time of the harvest plan."

That the popcorn corn is a different breed in the first place is exposed and other territories get their hands on it and start growing it, all that should buy quite a lot of time before the imitation stores come out. Until then, it can be kept as a Yamano territory branded name product...

Fortunately, salt and cooking oil can be covered by the territory. Added value by being completely made in Yamano territory...

So, that's why I'm going looking for vendors for a food cart for the time being. To the orphanage.

"Ah, it's himemiko-sama! Me! This time it'll definitely be me who'll get the job!"

The small children rush over in full force. Umumu, I'm as popular as usual. If only it was with stern uncles...

"Today, I came to make a long-term contract. if it goes well, I'll keep making requests for a long time. Is the director here?"

The children didn't understand very well but seemed to have sensed a good deal, they ran to call the director. He seems to be in the field apparently.

I had a meeting at the director's office with the director returning after having wiped off his sweat. Maybe running the place is hard, it's a plain room with no accessories. No, if you say that, the whole orphanage's the same though.

For the time being, I'll pass over the food I brought as provisions.

The food that Mitsuha brings over when she makes requests at the orphanage were at both extremes.

Sometimes, real food like potatoes, large Kanya biscuits, rice balls, etc.; refugees from somewhere kind of the-food.

And other times, sweets, chocolate, shortcake, etc.; a lineup the managing adults would want to say if they saw it, “if you have the money to buy this then please buy something that’ll stay in their stomachs”.

It wasn’t alternating, totally random.

It was a mystery what Mitsuha was concerned about.

...This time it seems to be “the-food”. The children’s dejected figures can be seen. The adults were happy though.

“Thank you as always, himemiko-sama. So today’s request is...”

I have already given up on the matter of being called “himemiko-sama” at the orphanage.

“Yes, actually, I was planning to sell something in a cart... So, I wonder if I can ask the children to be the vendors...”

“Bam”, the thin eyes of the gentle director opened wide.

With merely slight aid from the country and merely small donations. Merely a few chickens in merely a few fields.

Unable to let the children do more work than simple chores, unable to let the adults leave the children alone to earn money...

Even though it’s not to the point of definitive collapse, chronic funding shortage, and chronic nutritional deficiency. Painful days as if being slowly strangled with a silk cord.

Then, a cash-income opportunity is brought here!!

“W, with pleasure!!”

No, like I said, what kind of sweatshop is...

“...and well, it’s like that, I thought I’d sell the new product on the streets for a while...”

“Leave it to us! If you have several children take shifts, it can do business every day without holidays, from morning to night!”

The director bites after the detailed explanation.

No, you don’t have to do that...

I wonder if things are that severe at this orphanage...

“Then, there will always be 3 vendors, change shifts freely as needed, the sales time will be from morning to sunset, regarding this thank you. The wages will be 30% of the net income”

“Huh...”

The director is so surprised his eyes became round.

Well of course, usually, no establishment would give 30% of its profit to vendors. If you sell 1 gold coin worth, even if you subtract expenses it becomes a profit of 6~7 small gold coins. If it’s 30% of that, its 2 small gold coins. An amount equivalent to 20,000 yen. There are no shopkeepers who would pay 2 small gold coins for 3 children working part time. It’s so large an amount of money that even if everyone in the orphanage eats to their heart’s content, there’ll be still much left over.

In this country where the vegetables are cheap, 200 can be purchased if its radishes. more than 600 if small potatoes. And that’s daily. No, a children’s uprising will happen with only potatoes and radishes every day.

Well, that too, is if there is 1 gold coin worth sold though.

“Then, I will come again when the cart and tools are all ready.”

When I said so and was about to go home, I was told to stop by the director.

“P, please wait, if it’s a cart there’s one here!”

...Huh?

Listening to the director's story, what, it seems that the children who thought they wanted to do something themselves continued building something for a long time using scrap materials, and the nearly completed thing was in the storeroom

However, they had no idea what to sell even if they had a cart, it seem to have become a question of what to do.

But, a cart at the level of a toy made by children is out of the question. A table that the sample products can be placed on would likely still be better. But, well, I guess it's wrong if I don't give it a look if it's just a look since they gone through the trouble...

Thinking so, I got taken to the storeroom and was shown the cart like thing that the children made.

W, what's this~~~!!

It's not the small thing that I'd expected but with a size that can be called a fine cart.

And 4 wooden wheels. There is no axle, each has independent suspension. No, that doesn't mean that each has a suspension, it only means that it is not a beam axle type, but even still its well made. It'll definitely withstand being moved if you only slowly pull it down the stone-paved road to the town square.

Coming after being summoned, the 11-year-old boy said to have been in charge when making it explained various things, the counter section is expanded by shifting the stacked planks, there is storage space inside and a mechanism to extend the roof section in preparation for rainy weather... All this, with scrap materials, by children?

I, is he a genius!!

"D, do you, want a job at my place?"

That's right, if established craftsman are no good, I can just train a promising child! It will work out somehow using Japanese carpenter tools and instruction manuals, maybe.

Fu, Hahahaha!

The boy and the director were staring blankly with open mouths when I suddenly came to.

Chapter 48

Securing Personnel 3

This food cart is usable.

It's not like we're going to make ramen, so there's no need for that much functionality and strength. There's no need to withstand the weight of a pot filled with hot water or soup, no need for the space to house a large amount of tableware and ingredients, and no need to endure the weight that comes from the pouring of the soup or a customer's elbow. There's no need to pull it at high speed. It would be sufficient if the food cart had enough strength to not self-destruct. Unlike ramen stalls(yatai).



No, ramen stalls are works of art. I lately often use light motor vehicles, but the quality of ramen stalls are out of this world...

Anyway, I was thinking whether to buy it from somewhere or ask Kunz-san to make it, but just as I was considering how starting make it now would take time, there's this happy happening. Fortunately, the product is popcorn which is sold by hand because it's light and doesn't require much strength from the food cart. In this case we can start selling immediately.

Un, alright. Let's use a cassette stove!



A cassette stove is light and takes less space, the risk of children getting burned is also lower.

Even if I suddenly die, at that point it would be enough to switch to a regular wood burning stove and at that time the shipment of the explosive species will be normally delivered from the Viscounty, so the orphanage will not suddenly lose this way to earn income.



And while the cart will be useful, this boy will also be useful!

“Hey, do you want to work for me?”

The words of recruitment finally restarted the boy and the director.

“W, what, d...”

The boy is confused.

“U... m, that would be for the himemiko’s store, would it not?”

As expected of an old man’s wisdom, the director completely returned to business mode.

“No, not as a salesperson, I mean working as an engineer. For my Viscounty”

I turn my line of sight to the food cart as I say that.

The director has an “Ah” sort of convinced face.

Un, if you are a well-versed person, you would understand this child’s talent right.

“Loic, what do you want to do?”

From the director’s words, the boy who seems to be called Loic appeared to be thinking about something.

Ah, I thought that the two’s reply would be to jump at it because of the usual behavior of the children.

After thinking for a while, that boy, Loic finally answered.

“Ah, um, if Manon and Nelly can come together...”

Are you a riajū from somewhere!!

(tl note: Riajū is slang for a person who is satisfied with his or her offline life but is often used to refer to anyone who has a good amount of affection from the opposite sex.)

When asked about them, the 10-year-old girl named Manon is a close friend of Loic

boy, she seems have been an assistant in the making of the food cart. She has dexterous hands, most of the few metal parts that were used were handmade by her alone.

No, like patiently beating at gathered iron scraps continuously for how long to give them form, how the... While crooked, for the most part, they're fulfilling the role of a nail wonderfully, that part as well...

The wood around the wheel was cut out with a broken knife picked up in the garbage dump? No no no no! What kind of patient do you have!

Ah~, maybe she can become Randy-san's disciple? Thinking about it now, no matter how much Randy-san learns, if Randy-san gets into an accident or gets sick, everything will go back to square one... As expected a disciple is needed. Also, someone likely to live longer than Randy-san, a strong and young child...

The other one, a girl named Nelly, seems to be Loic boy's sister.

That's a relief, it seems unlikely that the children will get swallowed up in a muddy love triangle.

Since she seems to like to help cook, maybe she could be considered in the frame of cooking personal already.

She seems to be 9 years old, but westerners look older in my Japanese eyes. If she's already at this age, she'll soon be able to make some dishes by herself. Anyway, the chef who couldn't rest can take a break if there's something that can be done by someone else alone. If there are instructions on the work, she can also have the maids help her with the preparations.

Alright, good!

"I understood. I'll look after the three of you together in my Yamano Viscounty!"

A very happy Loic boy and director.

I was worried that they would be troubled with the pair that's good with their hands gone, but there are the adults on the management side so there's no problem it seems. Looks like there's not only the women who always take care of the children but also a man who occasionally comes to help. I never met him, so I didn't know.

“And, besides that, it’s much more important that the orphans can get a proper job and their independence.”

I would have thought that Loic boy would be able to become the pupil of a craftsmen, but because the employees in the shop, people in the same trade without a shop, people they owe some favors, and relatives among others would push their own children into the openings to become a pupil, it seems to be an obstacle to enter for the orphans without some middleman. Well, such is life...

Hearing about what happened, Nelly-chan and Manon-chan were also very happy to gain their independence early. While thinking, “it’s because they’ll be able to eat to their heart’s content and won’t need to feel hungry anymore,” it wasn’t only that it seems.

The super yearned for place of employment called a Viscount household, what’s more, at the living legend, the great hero that saved the country, the Princess Miko of Thunder’s place. “It’s fine if I die”...No, I would be in trouble if you die as soon I hired you...

Well, considering the reactions in Colette-chan’s village when they didn’t know about himemiko and so on, and during the maid recruitment, if asked if this was normal then this was a normal thing.

The director has a beaming happily face because the cost of food has been reduced and they can expect a concession from the children becoming independent.

...No, it’s probably just happiness at the children splendidly leaving the nest, un, maybe.

Well, even if they’re trainees I would properly pay them.

Maybe it’s impossible for the director to not be ecstatic, something like three people from an orphanage getting jobs at a noble’s home in one swoop, probably, hasn’t happened since the start of this country.

It’s decided that the three will go to the Viscounty when this social season is over, Loic’ll do the food cart’s final adjustments for the time being. I’ll be procuring a cassette stove including a spare and corn, I headed toward the store for the time being

while thinking about popcorn.

If I recall, the explosive species for business use should have been less than 500 yen per kilogram. I bought it several times before and made it.

Line the corn tightly so it all entirely fits at the bottom of a deep pot, gently pour salad oil and sprinkle some salt. Then covered with a lid, and simply shake the pot lightly over the gas range. Then when the “pan, pan” sound starts, it’ll gradually become “papapapapapapa”, and then a continuous sound. If the sounds slow down even if you continue to shake it then you’re done. A pot of popcorn is completed. Even when there are large gaps between the sounds, it’ll burn if you persistently continue so it’s important to compromise to some degree and let several grains be.

Don’t put so much the corn that it fills two layers. After all, it expands to about 40 times its size. They’ll push open the lid of the pan and overflow.

It’s quite fun to make and you can eat them freshly made for very cheap, buying high-priced popcorn in a store is, ridiculous... No, no, I’m about to make a profit like this, so I can’t say that.

Anyway, I will return to the store for the time being and then buy them in Japan.

...And when I returned to the store thinking that, a demon was waiting.

“Mitsuha! Why didn’t you come to Earl Pasteur’s party!”

Don’t ask me...

According to Earl Boses’ story, whatever I didn’t come to Pasteur’s party or something held last night seems to be rumored among nobles. Like Pasteur family and the himemiko had some kind of discord, or did they have done something that made her have reservations...

No, like I said, don’t ask me...

“No, it isn’t that I didn’t come or anything, I didn’t get invited. Because I didn’t even know there was a party like that!”

“Huh...”

For some reason, the Earl was stunned. No, I really don't know.

Then, the Earl starts to look like he's taken aback by something.

"Could, could it be Mitsuha, you haven't delivered to the royal palace your capital stay notification, it's not something like that? Definitely, not..."

The Earl says so with a praying face.

I, of course, smiled and replied.

"Eh, notification? What's that..."

The Earl pales.

"I, impossible... weren't you there with the princess! Didn't you say you'll be going to the royal palace!"

"Yes, I did go to the royal palace though. I went to Sabine's room and met with the king though..."

"The, the notification! The stay notification!"

"No, like I said, what is that..."

Oh, the Earl fell down...

Apparently, as told by the Earl, it seems that the nobles are supposed to give notification to a department in the royal palace when they come to the capital. The reason is so that, when the king has some kind of business, they can know which nobles are in the capital and which nobles have returned to their territory. It appears that they are displayed on a wall.

But, usually, it seems that it's used for another purpose. Yes, to create a party invitation list. Like, removing from the guest list people who are not in the capital by looking at it.

For the social season's first party, it'll be the first meeting after a long time and a lot of

nobles will participate so a large-scale party will be elected. The woman of the hour Mitsuha will definitely be invited and the emerging noble Mitsuha can't be expected to refuse.

It seems that everyone thought so.

And then, the unexpected absence.

And, "isn't this because something happened", seems to be the result...

The reality was merely she was absent from the list of nobles staying in the capital, so she was removed from the invitation list. However, there were quite a few nobles and servants who saw Mitsuha in the royal palace and the city, so there were many nobles who knew about Mitsuha's stay in the capital city. That seems to have spread a ridiculous speculation.

No, like I said, don't ask me...

"Then, what about the day after tomorrow, Earl Lansen's party..."

"No, naturally, I didn't know about that either though?"

"..."

And so leaving behind the words "you must absolutely come" the Earl hurried back. He is probably hurrying to Earl something's place to inform them.

Ah, how troublesome...

But well, if asked why am I pretending to be staying in the capital the whole time, it's because "it has become the social season" and since it's the social season, there will be socializing right, of course.

I wonder why I didn't have any questions when there was no such thing...

Well, I was an ordinary commoner student who's unrelated to things like high society or parties, so it can not be helped, un!

And that evening, Earl Lansen family's butler brought the party's invitation dripping

with sweat and out of breath.

Since he was very pitiful, I took cooled barley tea out of the refrigerator and when I did he was very surprised.

Ah, come to think of it, that's over-technology wasn't it, because Sabine-chan always drinks it so naturally, I completely forgot.

Chapter 49

Party

2 days later, at the Count Lanchen residence.

Obviously, I wore a proper dress and went to the party hall.

This dress is one of the things that presented by each country during the [Pretty much a fraud : reverse tributary].

ミツハの価値

我が国にとっての、
ミツハの価値とは何か？
そう、それは、そのカリスマ性。
そして、優れた知恵と知識だ。



It seems like a luxury goods that cost a lot of money if you see it, with the highest materials and technology from the present earth were displayed, I don't need to explain how it appears in the eyes of people in this world.
Somehow... It's a bit unpleasant.

Why is the size perfect you say? Height may be measured with the surrounding object by a hidden photograph, but why is the size of waist and bust perfect too you say...? Awesome! The power of spy!

Because you can't put a weapon on the upper body while using a dress, my self-defense equipment for today is only Walser PPS at my thigh.
There is no way anyone would turn the women's skirt. Maybe.
If it found out by chance, "Its impolite to bring a weapon in the party"," but this is a "sacred treasure" so it's okay! Sacred treasure must be worn forever, like an amulet or talisman, you can't complaint. Say no more.

Actually, I can escape anytime if I am alone, so I don't have to use this gun except when forced to use it. If I don't have time to escape, at that time it doesn't matter if I have a weapon or not.

So, I have a reason for having a weapon [Just in case there is surprise attack to protect others].

Even if everyone have a small group of guards, they can evacuate together, but if the number of people is large, its quite complicated and afterwards various trouble will come, so in that case it would be easier to remove enemies first.

Anyway, those noble noticed me quickly and approach me while I enter the venue and they think I am unarmed. But Earl Boses/Bozes immediately ran to me and pulled my hand.

"First, we must say hello to this party organizer!, Count Lanchen"
He directly pulled me.

As expected of Earl-sama, he properly escort me... Oi, this is wrong! This is not how you escort someone! It is like a father who pulled away his daughter's hand... Well, whatever...

And then, before I noticed it, Alexis grabbing my other hand.

Wa- wait, wait, is- is it that isn't it, [A figure of an alien while its arm grabbed by 2 CIA staff...]...

"L-let me go please! I wouldn't run away!"

Eventough I despite what they do, it seems they won't let go of my hands. I was pulled by Earl and his son toward the Count Lanchen family who is the part's organizer today. The Count Lanchen himself, the Countess, the eldest son, eldest daughter, second daughter and the second son.

"Your Grace, Thank you for your invitation, I am so grateful..."

I had no choice, I release my hand from their grip, somehow my greeting was decent enough.

The Count Lanchen family looks surprised. Of course isn't it, what kind of performance is that when your hands gripped from both side...

"A- aah-... Wel-Welcome, my pleasure to meet you..."

Even the stuttered Count Lanchen managed to reply my greeting while still surprised, a man around 20's who seems to be Count's son rises suddenly, I stretched out my hand.

"Welcome to our humble place, I am the eldest son of Count Lanchen

...- eh?"

*Pull--- in

When my streched hand sweeps out and missed the Count son's hand while his jaw dropped, because Earl Bozez and Alexis grabbed my arms and pulled it back to the where it was right before the handshake happened.

"Well then, we are a bit busy, so we will excuse ourself"

Is what the Earl said, Earl and Alexis-sama are walking out while lifting me up. No, wait a second, I'm facing backward! Seriously, its realy become [The Captured alien!], I am gathering a lot of attention here!!

As I pulled out, Earl Bozes whispered to me and say.

"That is the oldest son's bad habit, although he already has a fiancée, he is quite good at handling a lot of girls too, do not approach him, do not speak to him, also do not make him your oppenent..."

Oh, so that is why you do that? But, please let me say something to you Earl-sama.
...My ear! it's ticklish!

"Next is, we will greet the Earl Pasteur house/family. They are the organizer of the party from the other day that Mitsuha missed.

While you are too focused on your goods stock, you just missed their second daughter debut, so you must behave friendly in order to solve everyone misunderstanding of you, I am particularly concerned about that second daughter who expected you to debuted her party."

"o-okay..."

Aw man~, I did a bad thing to the second daughter-san.

Well then, I must do something...

This time, I pull my arms to let go off from their grip.

You two didn't realize it huh? Of course they didn't, you just forcibly drag me here pridefully.

"Pleased to meet you, My name is Viscount Mitsuha Von Yamano, please treat me well." Greeting cleanly and courtesy.

"My apologies for the other day. I do not know if there is a report for staying in the capital, and it seems the invitation letter was not delivered because they think I was "absent" at that time..."

Since the party of the other day, Earl Pasteur thought something was not right and it seems a lot of bad rumor surrounding them, and finally, the misunderstanding has cleared, his eyes opened widely.

I mean, seriously, I am sorry.

The Wive and her children next to them also surprised.

Ah, the second daughter's face is...

Oh no, it looks like she is going to cry!

Coming of age party debut, also the social debut by invite [The Thunder Princess Shrine Maiden], she(2nd dghtr) would be pleased that she can be closer to her(mitsuha), and now she(2nd dghtr) disappointed when being told that "I haven't arrived at the Royal Capital at that time", if someone keep trying and trying and trying her best, then you are told that actually I am already in the Royal Capital, who wouldn't cry because of that?... What to do, shall I apol- No that's not it, I must do something...

"A-ah, right, t-this, p-please take it, I apologize that I could not go to your debut party,

a-and a friendship gift..."

I handed out the ring that I had from my finger, yup, like my dress too, sometimes ago, a bribe from a German agent, I received it as the contribution. I don't know how many carats in there, but I think this ring has a reasonable value as a diamond ring.

I am not in trouble with money right now, so as long I can get through of this place well, this is fine. Its just a gift anyway.

Even in this world, large diamonds and the high quality diamonds are present as it is. However, the value of the diamond in this ring compared to the one in this world is not big, it's a technique of cutting and polishing.

The value of a diamond is determined by a combination of cutting technique, color, carat(weight), and the purity And also the difference in technical power.

The light that enters the diamond becomes a more radiant diamond by the excellent refractive index of diamond and the ideal proportion determined from its refractive index (ideal proportion). This cutting technology is different in level from this world and the earth. Therefore, even if the original is the same rough stone, it becomes a difference of comparison which can not be compared.

In other words, this ring is a thing beyond the common sense of this world in its cut technology.

In Western Europe of the Earth, even for diamonds of an engagement ring price, depending on the cut it will be a considerable value in this world.

It's a bit tiring if I go to western Europe, so I make a comparison in Japan there are many cases of selling high ranked items at a high price with a ranking 1-2 grade in Japan. Because the appraiser who made the expert opinion may be a subsidiary of the jewelry shop. Even if it sells at 80 to 90% of the amount bought overseas then in Zara that selling price is less than 20% in Japan.

"" Eeeh--""

The second daughter-san opened her eyes widely in surprise after she received my ring reflexively.

Count Pasteur and his wife seems more surprised than her.

Well, it seems that couple knows my ring's value. Of course they know it I thought.

Eh? Earl Bozes looks like he is upset about something.

"Mi-Mitsuha, that is..."

"It is an heirloom from my mother, what is it?"

I answering Earl's question just like that

"N-no matter how much I said to you, *sigh* such an important thing..."

Aah, so that what worries you, Earl Bosez.

The art like cuts, the purity, the natural magnet of girl's taste, but this is just an jewellery, so I do not know the monetary value of this thing. Perhaps it will be a little expensive, just that.

Well, the value of this thing on earth maybe around tens of million(Yen or Dollar?), or maybe not that much. It's not that great, it's just a pretty girl's pleasure to buy. And the dress is from another country. Maybe it's around tens of thousands dollars at least.

...What the hell with [Tens of thousands dollars], is there anyone have that much money, Of course that's me.

Well, it is a gift. This is not worth the tears of young and cute girls.

But, even if she isn't cute that doesn't mean she should cry tho.

"Vi, Viscount Yamano, I will receive this Important thing..."

Earl Paster said while trembling. His wife and eldest daughter carefully wathing the ring wich is the second daughter-san held.

"No problem, if I attend your party before, maybe we can become a really close friend, because my carelessness, I lost that chance, so this is still nothing..."

After I said that, now the second daughter-san smiling brightly.

"Would you really want me, to become your friend?"(Mitsuha)

The second daughter-san nodding quickly.

I don't have any choice now, right?

After that, I chitchat with the second daughter-san, and before leaving them, I said many thanks and sorry to the Count family, then I withdrew.

There is no doubt, the rumor will spread out to the other nobles who heard and watch our situation like how intimate Viscount Yamano and Count Pasteur by giving out my mother's ring. even so, I am a bit relieved that my task has been completed.

"...That was Overkill"

And I was scolded by Earl Bozes.

Why...

"Oh, that reminds me, where are Iris-sama and Theodore-sama?"

"Only both of us come here today, it's just the birthday party of the second son here, we supposed to not participate here, it's because of a certain someone's problems, that's why we are here..."

Aah~ I am sorry~

"Mitsuha!"

Suddenly my name is called from behind and so I look back,

"Oh, Adelaide-chan, long time no see~!"

The (wild) Adelaide-chan appeared! She is the eldest daughter of Viscount Liner who previously her debut party organized by me, and now she is surrounded by a few boys and girls.

She is quite popular, isn't it? Could it be, because of her debut party?

No way, no way, originally Adelaide-chan is a good girl, so isn't it natural for her to be so popular?...

I talked with Adelaide-chan for a while. The other children who stuck to her one by one scattered, and I was able to talk with ease to the other men and women that age are close to mine until the end of party. That remind me of the past, when around junior high school and that was fun.

Maybe because I am with the other nobles children, the Earl left me there not a long ago. Well, he must also talk with the other nobles, it's not like he must be with me forever.

Alexis-sama always stood beside me though, somehow this is a bit unsettling. Alexis-sama is young and popular with mostly girls.

Thanks to the last incident, he is treated as the Heroes at the Defensive Battle in the Kingdom. Besides he is used to always woo-ing with any girl in the past even the Earl's servant. What's wrong with this sudden change of personality?

Suddenly, he said something to me.

"Mitsuha, you are the head/owner of your house name aren't you? Atleast you must talk to the other nobles househead properly because the conversation is different from the ordinary noble's child talk..."

"Eeeh..."

Even though I had a lot of fun here...

But, oh well, I think what he said is true

Even the other nobles children understand it with the disappointed face, I feel sorry for them, but I can't help it.

It can't be helped, really, so where do I start from, talking face to face?

But, I didn't recognize each of them...

Oh, by the way, I do not remember the second daughter-san's name of Earl Pasteur.

Wait, I haven't heard anyone recall her name from the first place, right?

Maybe next time I have to remember her name before I see her again, that would be bad if I don't know her name after all...

Chapter 50

The Melancholy Of The Earl

Earl Bozes is a little bit in a bad mood.

He thought about Mitsuha like his own daughter, and there was also the expectation that she might become a real daughter, possibly his son's wife.

And apart from the pearl necklace, which is a substitute for the store purchase cost, there was a thought that it was only himself that got a free gift from Mitsuha.

"Nevertheless, that ring earlier. That is obviously far more expensive and valuable than the utility knife I got."

Despite being the result he instructed, his frustration does not go away...

Although he have a special relationship with Mitsuha, when he got the guardianship of Mitsuha, a young girl, an emerging aristocrat from a young age, who is new to the matters of aristocracy.

"I don't care what the various other nobles from various aristocrats would say..."

Something like [the Bozes territory, it is only a place where the Young Lady Yamano landed when she came to this country]. And [If my territory is next to hers, my territory is better, because when going to the kingdom, she will pass through my territory!].

"You guys just want to approach Mitsuha and use the chance!"

Of course, the king and the prime minister who did not know about the circumstances to a certain extent never cared for them, and the Bozes family became a guardian in accordance with the preliminary basis...

In the first place, there are varieties and the loan in mitsuha.

The first time Mitsuha came to this country and stayed along with the people who

helped her, is in the Earl of Bozes territory.

...Instead, he took the daughter of the people as his own.

After that, he comforted the crying Mitsuha and said he would take the place of her father.

...Instead, she took his daughter's place, and told him a lot of useful things about the territory.

He financed the purchase of the store.

...Instead, the Pearl is worth much more valuable than what she receives.

His eldest son Alexis became a shield to save her life.

...Instead, she saved a life that could never be saved, and Alexis told him that he will take the title of Viscount.

Besides, it is a natural act as a noble that serves as a shield to protect the Supreme Commander, if you think about it.

The Bozes took care of her in various ways, and doing it with according to his guidance.

...Instead, she was able to increase her influence as the [Princess Shrine Maiden of Thunder], in various ways, and her relationship with other nobles was greatly improved.

“...Eh? Wait, don't you owe me more?

.....

No, I'll leave that for now.”

As for mitsuha, although the person herself does not make a clear statement, as a conclusion that summarizes various information, it is presumed as follows:

She is the elder sister of a young king in a distant country that is separated by the sea. Her Sister-Brother relationship is good.

Many of the people wanted Mitsuha to become a queen.

The country has a very good technical power, and it is a country that has everything from daily necessities to a mysterious weapon called [divine tool] and a magical power called [crossing], and it is just as if it is a country of God.

Seems that the origin of mitsuha's name, [The Princess Shrine Maiden of Thunder] in our country, have probably begun by simply using the divine tools.

Her Friends using small high-speed boat carrying the products and dubious equipment, but is it true?, or is it [crossing] that was used...

“And the value of mitsuha for the royal family and the aristocracy of our country.”

In response to the concern about the invasion of mitsuha's country, Mitsuha herself said, [it is impossible to go back and forth because it is too far away, except for special small high-speed ships that are expensive to build and operate. There is no reason to carry a large number of soldiers and military supplies.]

Regarding the trade, she also said, [what my friends sent me were at an unprofitable rate, so I'm just selling it at a price that doesn't compete with each other. If you think that you are going to make a profit as a business, it is not enough even by tens of times of the current price], she said that there is no choice but to give up.

Most of the products sold at the store are about daily necessities, and there are no items that influence the country, and it is not enough to study imitation products without spending a lot of gold.

Although there are some things that can be used without fire, such as a portable lamp, there are cases where the construction is too detailed and the mechanism is not understood at all, and there is no way to imitate.

“Order by bulk is better, but it is too expensive for the military to do large purchase...”

Even if you think that you can establish diplomatic relations and exchange technology, there is no technology that can be provided to their country from here, the word [exchange], does not exist in the first place.

And, it is pathetic to state that there is no choice but to rely on them for the

transportation.

It is a bad idea to pay a large amount of money and precious stones, etc., in one way or another from Japan, due to the difference in the technical gap and the value of money.

“And if the crisis comes to our country again, Can you help us with that [crossing]?”

Even if it is a country where King’s sister lives, will they help other countries without anything in return?

“We are also aware that it depletes the life of the priests, by the power of the divine altar...”

No matter how much the King was her brother, he could not be allowed to use the National expense for his sister who left their country to a strange land and let their people die in vain.

Then again, privately by Mitsuha’s friends?

“No, considering the last time, the second time will be difficult. Perhaps, when that time comes, she will choose to escape...”

In other words, to use Mitsuha as an elder sister of a great country, will be impossible.

Far from using her, if she was harmed and it is exposed to Mitsuha’s country, if the [Retaliation by danger and professionalism by friends] is done, the country may be destroyed.

“We’re doomed, the country may perish...”

Probably, there must be several people from the same country who are watching from afar without contacting Mitsuha. In case of emergency in order to report it to the country.

“Then, what is the value of Mitsuha for our country?”

Yes, it’s her charisma. And the superior wisdom and knowledge.
[Charisma].

Lovely appearance, cute, cheerful and gentle personality.
And the strength when she became dignified and serious when she was in a crisis.

The people who saw that had a strong sense of reverence for Mitsuha.

“I believe that when the kingdom is in danger, she will summon the goddess’ servants.”

If you take in Mitsuha and let her speak at her own convenience, what you get will be great.

“...But don’t think that Mitsuha can be manipulated that easily.”

However, there is a real value for Mizuha.

The real value of that child is her [wisdom and knowledge].

Various ideas for the development of the territory, which sometimes slips from his mouth.

“I always kept my mouth in a good place and then suddenly she says [There will be a charge] and it is sounds misleading, but if you can hear everything up to the end. You will understand.”

According to a report of those who are investigating the state of the Yamano Valley territory, recently seems to have done various reform and construction of the system variously, the influence and the villagers’ faces both looks bright.

The results of the reforms and construction work will be reflected in the profits of the territory as numbers in the future, but if the effect is large, the details are still examined in order to copy them immediately.

“However, it was a pity that she refused to take the vassal that i am lending her...”

Furthermore, it seems that the flow of people into the Yamano territory is beginning.

The flow of the people are indispensable for the development of the territory. It’s also good to have more exchanges with the Bozes territory.

“...But C’mon! development by asking from siphoning off profits from our territory...”

When he looked at Mitsuha suddenly, she was out of the children’s group. Apparently,

she seems to have started greeting around to each household.

In order to appeal the intimacy with Mitsuha to other house and to meet with Mitsuha for the meeting with Lansen and Pasteur the two Earls, it is thought that they will take in Mitsuha and monopolize Mitsuha.

“If its too much, let’s repel them. Whether we let him or her do whatever they want, is up to us...”

Although Mitsuha’s personality is good, and she is quite adamant, she is a little annoyed by the fact that she is likely needed to be friendly to the other people.

“Guys, it is out!” (Nobles)

“Alexis, don’t hold back! ! ” (Earl Bozes)

On the other hand, Mitsuha followed the advice from Alexis and talked with the Lords of each house. The Lords were also very welcome because they wanted to talk with Mitsuha, and they came to Mitsuha one after another.

Although Alexis is also with her, he is a viscount, unlike the son of an influential aristocrat, he is a person who became a viscount, and at same time their territories are adjacent to each other, and he saved her life.

There is no one to complain about even if he stay with Mitsuha for a long time. At first, although they doubted the relationship between the two of them, the noses of nobles with single sons who judged that they had no love feelings towards each other, because Mitsuha was completely like ‘a good friend,’ or ‘brother and sister,’ despite Alexis being the first to suspect the relationship.

Even though Alexis tries desperately to struggle, it is only the sight of pity that was given towards Alexis, who is judged not to be seen as a man of love in Mitsuha. He was just seen as a simple obstacle.

And Mitsuha, who is trying to advertise a new product that is to be sold from the Yamano territory, was completely unaware of the intense battle that’s going on... And the time finally come to pass, for a long, unjustified feeling of the melancholy Earl of Bozes and Alexis, who were slowly suffering from an intense stomach pain.

Very slowly...

Chapter 51

Popcorn on sale! 1

It's over...

Somehow, I survived the “noble party” for the first time in my life.

No, it wasn't that bad. I had a chance to meet Adelaide for the first time and I enjoyed having fun with the people close to my age. Somehow, I feel like I'm only talking with my uncle and a little girl these days...

Indeed, there were some people who were full of ulterior motives, but it cannot be helped because it is a nobleman, after all.

Because everyone is desperate to develop their own territory even a little, it is natural to want connect with me those who they can use.

I am annoyed by the noise of the late-night jinryu tribe bike, but I am not annoyed at all even if I wake up with the sound of an ambulance and a fire engine. It's the result of everyone desperately trying to fulfill their duty.

Besides, I also advertised various things that I plan to sell to the Royal Capital in the near future, and I asked the Lord of the territory between our territory and Royal Capital in various ways.

...I wonder if there was an effect, when I taught Sabine, my “killer move!” Attack of the puppy eyes!

Yes, truly terrifying, the “pretty, please!” eyes. I still have things I don't want to lose.

But there was something weird about the Earl and Alexis, they look gloomy, when I said Thank you before going home. Because I went to an unscheduled party, which is my fault to begin with, I wonder if I did something wrong. Now, I have something to make up for it...

Two days before the party, I bought a pack of explosive species of corn in the mail order. Of course, dried.

I also bought a pot. It is made of aluminum.

No, since these are popcorn, it doesn't matter how durable or heat conductive it is exactly.

There is no need for it to be stainless steel or titanium, multilayered structure or enamel.

However, it's a good idea for it to be a light and cheap that it is fun to shake by a child. If you burn it up and open a hole, you can just simply replace it.

By the way, in the past, when you go at a shoe store, they will say "Expensive shoes are much better".

They told me that it will last several times longer than the cheap ones, " but I think that it is better to buy 10 pairs for 3,000 yen to wear for one year rather than buying one pair for 30,000 yen to wear for three years".

You can match it according to your clothes, and even if you get stuck in the mud or get it scratched, only one tenth will be ruined, and the rest will still be fine.

No, Of course, good stuff is good, I know that. I only buy good products made in Japan like personal computers and gadgets, and I also know that good shoes are very different from cheap ones.

In a luxury hotel, the receptionist will judge the guests by looking at their shoes.

...But, I absolutely do not want to go to the hotel that change their attitudes just because the customer is wearing a good or bad shoes!.

They should be grateful for the customers who came to them, even though they are not wealthy!

...Does a shoe have anything to do with pots?

I talked too much.

And then, paper bags, because grease-resistant bags for food sales and bags for potato chips was sold in various stores, around 4 yen per unit, so I purchased it. 2 cassette stoves, fuel and other accessories are ready.

It seems that the food cart had been completed, they just made some final adjustment, and it is ready to roll.

And today, the day after the party, it is finally the trial sales in the square.

When I arrived at the orphanage, the food cart was ready, the equipment and materials that I carried yesterday were already on board. Except for me, three people starts pushing the cart immediately.

Loyuk is really a genius, after all the child made the cart from scrap materials, but he doesn't have strength.

One person pulls carefully and slowly, and the other two pushes, until they arrive at the square.

Today, is the first day, the sellers are Manon-Chan and Philippe both 14-years old who were older among orphans. Loyuk who was responsible for the design and production of the stall, is the one who will assemble the cart to make it into stall.

If it is only a small child, it is easy to intimidate. After all there are (normal) adults, and some bad bad people.

That's why, on the first day I will also be watching behind the stalls.

Ingredients like salt and vegetable oil were brought from the territory using teleportation.

I brought pots and paper bags from Japan, but this time I wanted to make them as local product of my territory.

By the way, if I somehow lose my ability, the locally produced pot is somewhat heavy and difficult to use, but it can be bought ordinarily in the kingdom and I have to be able to prepare paper bags for sale or make something for substitute.

I prepared hundreds of plastic containers in preparation for emergency when I couldn't come for a while due to an accident or sickness, though I thought about collecting and reusing by paying money, but it might be a bad idea.

Plastic containers are actually thrown away as garbage, polluting the environment, so in order to prevent the future archaeologists fall down at the excavation site, we made a notice to bring back the containers.

However, some of the common people carry shampoo containers, but many commoners and nobles don't.

When I looked it up, everyone was decorating empty containers side-by-side on the shelves, and reusing them with soapy water or something.

In addition, it had been resold at a considerably high price.

Further more, the bag of ramen, and cans are also...

Well, if you didn't throw it away, including other packaging materials, you have to consider something so that it will not eventually become garbage.

So, in the case of popcorn, it is not possible to put such a big price on the container for the commodity to sell for 2 to 3 small silver coins, and if it is such a cheap repurchase price, everyone will never bring it.

It is decided to use a convenient container that is light and does not leak water. If you do it wrong, there is even a possibility that someone will be buying the container instead of popcorn.

In this way, if the supply from Japan is stopped, all the materials and cooking utensils are available at the site, but there is no container to put popcorn and it falls into a stupid situation that it is impossible to sell.

Would you let the customers bring their own containers such as pots and bowls from home?

No, no matter how much troublesome things are needed, the sales will decline sharply. Rush the development of a paper in the territory? Well...

When I was walking while thinking, I had arrived at the square before I knew it.

Loyuk and his team began to look for a suitable place, quickly expanding the counter and arranging the equipment. Well somehow...

it looks good...

And, It seem to have two signboards. How far did I hoped for...

I was thinking about what it is written, so I take a closer look...

“What, what is this~~!” (Mitsuha)

It’s a good one.

“Viscount Yamano Territory Special Product Explosive Corn for 3 small silver coin”.

“Yes, well, it’s just...” (Mitsuha)

The problem is the other one.

There is no character, just a simple design monochromatic picture.

A design of a girl standing on a silhouette resembling a light armored car, and fluttering the hem of a skirt.

“Th-This is...” (Mitsuha)

“It’s a sign of a shop. Everyone thought so that even those who can not read the text at first glance to understand that it is the shop of the Princess Shrine Maiden of Thunder.”(Loyuk)

Damnt it, Loyuk.

U a~a𐄂 Because they made it with great effort, I can not say change it...

It can’t be helped. I’ll hide behind the stalls.

...But, I wonder, the design of this picture. I wonder who made it.

Anyway, let's start! We practiced how to make popcorn yesterday.

"Now, the 3rd Shop of the General store Mitsuha, it's opening!" (Mitsuha)

Sales were strong.

It's selling well.

No, they are a bit scared.

The biggest hurdle for new products is whether they can be picked up and tested. No matter how good the product is, if you can't see it or you can't try it, it can't be sold.

How do you get interested? How will you get your hands on it and try it out? That's the biggest challenge.

If you just give it a try, the good ones will sell. Bad things don't sell well, but it's because of the maker's fault.

At the Doujinshi conventions etc. they often say, "you can read it first, so please take a look" or something like that. Anyway, you can't understand what it is if you didn't see it first hand.

If you go to the ring, you also prepare to lose. If people didn't buy it, I can give it away.

So, even for the customers who leave without buying, naturally you say, "thank you!".

I'm happy that I just got my hands on some of it and looking at it on a piece of paper.

Because if I can't get my hands on it, I will regret if it was sold out without trying it.

That's why I tried supermarket tasting sale most of the time. So I usually try Super sample sale.

I'm not that greedy. Sometimes I buy, what I like.

That's why, I wonder if I can try popcorn though.

Initially, there are not many stalls selling the same thing other than skewers. On the contrary, there is a new food that no one has ever seen.

Even just that is quite advantageous, it is understood by the people who can read the letters and can understand the characters, “Yamano Valley Territory”, = the princess shrine maiden of thunder, = Yamano cuisine”.

And, “It is a branch of shrine maiden’s general store”, was the answer to those who have looked at the signboard’s design.

It will sell, it has been decided. Call it unfair and, whatever you want to call it!

...I’m sorry to all the other stalls who are seriously doing their best, I really am...

In addition, the blast sound of the pop corn has become good for attracting customers.

Even if you hide how to make it, it’s pointless because it will be found out sooner or later. That’s why it is made in front of the audience.

Since raw materials are all understood and it seems easy to make. Many people will try it at home...

...Using ordinary corn.

“Fuhahaha, and then miserably fall in despair!!!” (Mitsuha)

The characteristics of “Yamano Territory Explosive Corn”, will not be revealed!

...sold out.

It sold well.

Even after the next shift came, the first three children could not return and kept making using the second cassette stove which was a reserve at the time of the breakdown.

It was nice to have a spare pot ready...

Did we got the target of one gold coin for sale, you ask?

I sold until the last ingredients that I had prepared and ran out, so it's natural.

The older Philippe, who had been shaking the pot all day, says "I can't force it to a small child," was in the verge of tears having both arms swollen until he ran out of ingredients.

that's why, I told you not push yourself too much.

Chapter 52

Popcorn on sale! 2

Popcorn sale, day 2.

I came to see the situation today as well. I'm going to stick around for a few days. I'm worried, after all...

Even if people talks about the shop, it's okay because they mostly start from the evening.

According to a story I heard during the movement, yesterday, the director-sensei who heard the sales was overwhelming and then, suddenly added one more item for dinner.

It feels nice, but I hope the sales will not fall after the customer has tried a lot of popcorn...

We~ll, I think it's okay.

Today's members, are older than yesterday. Because the work was unexpectedly hard, the number of staff had also increased to five.

...However, the salary does not change, it remains at 30% of the net profit.

The sales have exceeded our expectations, and all of their salaries will be deposited into the orphanage's budget, so it's the same no matter how many people do it.

Philip-kun who came yesterday, is among the 5 children...

I guess, I'm worried that the rest are first-timers. Everyone had already practiced cooking, but in terms of customer service...

However, it seems that Phillip's arms have not yet recovered from the damage yesterday, so he seems to be in charge of the sales and handling the customer , supervision of the operation, etc. *(TN: in short he got promoted.)* He's a strong child.

There is a rule that, if you reach 15 years of age, you have to leave the orphanage.

However, it is not possible to hire all of the orphanage's graduates, into the House of the Viscount Yamano. Its another story if they have good talent.

Besides, when it comes to [everyone of the orphanage can be hired by the family of Viscount Yamano,] there will be various adverse effects such as harassment from the envious, or trying to push people who are on the verge of adulthood into the orphanage.

In the end, it will be my decision. I'd rather choose the talent I want, than being asked to hire someone.

Those who became adults are no longer [orphans] , even though they don't have a parent. [I have to live on my own, because I am a fine adult.]

Of course, as an adult, I will come to search for talented people and hire them, if I have seen the ability.

It might be a form of scouting as a citizen, rather than being directly hired at the Viscount Yamano Household.

I arrived at the square, while deep in thought.

Under Philip-kun's command, they quickly prepare, manufacture and started selling.

It is unusual that the aristocrats will eat side by side with the common people, but they want to eat something exotic (uncommon), and do not stop when they start eating.

Even though it does not look so delicious, they bought it for some reason.

The devilish Popcorn, was still selling well today.

While she was hiding behind the stalls and looking at it, she seems to have been drowsy. *(TN: suddenly shifted to 3rd person view.)*

When suddenly. she noticed something was wrong.

"I'm asking you, with whose permission, that you're doing business here!" (Thug)

Oh, Here they come! (Ō, kita kita!)... Is it my turn~?

From the bag I pull out a pistol-type stun gun, and then...

“From the Princess Maiden of the Thunder”(Philip)

Philip-kun suddenly answered. (1)

“““Eh?...””(Thugs)

Well, how did it go?

I took a peek...

“This is a store used to promote the specialties of the Yamano territory, and it is under the direct management of the Princess of Shrine Maiden of Thunder, which is the Viscount Mitsuha von Yamano. And we are, the princess shrine maiden’s, faithful servants! ! “ (Philip-kun)

After the words has spoken, 5 people join hands together.

Ha ha!~ What’s up with that! ! (Nanida yo sore! !)

Were you practicing?

Hahahaha, Oh, no, My stomach hurts...

“So then, what can I do for you?” (Philip-kun)

“No, no, that...”(Thug)

Three thugs who suddenly began to panic, after seeing Philip-kun’s dignified attitude.

They thought that he was just an orphan, but he set up a stall, sold things they have never seen before, and then suddenly named as a servant of the Princess Shrine Maiden.

And even a child knows, what will happen to those, who are exploiting the name of the

Princess Shrine Maiden, in this country...

Surely, you have dealt with it yourself. You passed!!
Even if I leave it as it is, the thugs will disperse.

Well then, let's not push it too far, it's fine even if I am not there. Even so...

"Is there a problem?" (Mitsuha)

"""""" Princess Shrine Maiden-sama! """"""

5 people appeared from the back of the stalls after hearing my voice.

No, you didn't practiced it, did you?

"And, who are you?"(Mitsuha)

"Oh, that, we, we are the ones who controls this area, we are from Avalo group!"
One of the thugs answers desperately.

"Philip-kun, give me 4 explosive corn." (Mitsuha)

I received 4 bags of popcorn which was made in a hurry, and gave it to the thugs with a smile.

"If these children are in trouble, please help them," (Mitsuha)

The 3 thugs who each personally receive the popcorn with a bright red face, silently nodded.

After giving the popcorn to the thugs one bag at a time, she kept the remaining one for herself.

"Are these confectioneries... – It's-It's delicious." (Thug)

The thugs walk away, after bowing their heads many times.

With this, the story will also be conveyed to the other members of Avalo group, and there will be no one trying mess with our stall. All right, all right. *(TN: she said it twice)*

...So, what with this amount of people?

“Pri, princess shrine maiden-sama, please take responsibility and help us...” (Philip)

Phillip-kun is crying.

But, are you sure about that?

I can help...

But if I help, I think the line will get even more longer.

And eventually, the kids saw the hell.

Rumors like, [you can eat homemade cooking made by the Princess Shrine Maiden] , and also [you can receive homemade cooking handed to you personally by Princess Shrine Maiden] spreads.

that's why many people came together to the plaza.

I told you so...

Sales itself did not change, because it is until we used-up all the ingredients anyway.

But, choosing between selling it (relaxing) upto 7 hours, or selling it within 2 hours (hell mode).

I will choose the former...

But, if everyone says that the latter is better, I will not stop them.

Would you stop saying, [If only you said it] and [If you knew about it].

And she was complaining in her mind with a teary eye.

I didn't know... it's true!... *(TN: damn, the shifting from 1st person to 3rd person view is just...)*

On the way back, Mitsuha muttered.

“So then, if you bring three times the ingredients today and sell it at the same pace...”
(Mitsuha)

““““““Oh god, Please, no~~~! ! ”“““““ (Children)

It’s a commission, so I’ll leave that up to you, yeah.

Well, tomorrow I’ll leave it to the children and check the orphanage and my territory.

The next day, I’m at my parents house in the morning.

I checked the mails and postal items, showed my face to my neighbors, then bought othello, shogi and a bicycle.

I did various other things in the morning and then went back to the territory to have lunch. Of course, along with what I bought.

“Good afternoon, Randy-san. Can you make something like this? “ (Mitsuha)

Because it was all of a sudden, Randy-san, is making a pokan face. (blank white eyes with black circle in the middle)

I gave (pushed) the bike that I bought this morning, onto him. (TN: more like you shoved it up his A**.) It’s a cross-country bicycle. (TN: *cross bike for short.*)

“Wha, what is this?” (Randy)

Randy was surprised, when I ride the bike then began explaining things about it.

“I’m not asking you make this from scratch, but can you fix it if it breaks down?”
(Mitsuha)

I asked, but Randy vigorously shook his head.

“That’s impossible. First of all, (the hollow pipe part) I cannot create such a strong thin pipe. If it gets broken and repaired, that part will be reinforced with iron sticks and becomes heavier and the overall strength cannot be maintained either. Even worse is this gear part. You can’t get such strength, with how thin it is. The tooth will get

chipped and then the traction of the gear will be lost. And there's no way I can make a chain like this..." (Randy)

It's useless...

I wanted to bring a bicycle, if only we could make individual parts and repair it...

If it is a cross bike, on a paved road, it should be able to cruise from 25 to 30 km/h. Since your energy drops due to air resistance, by increasing the speed from around 30 km/h, it would better to settle at 25 km/h.

Even if we didn't have paved road, it is where the horse-drawn carriage runs, and if it didn't get muddy from the rain, it should be able to produce a decent speed.

During the party, I asked the Lords living along the highway, a little about road maintenance.

Well, the traffic will increase from now on, so road maintenance are essential for the carriages.

Then, by putting the substitute staff at the halfway point between the royal capital and sea side villages the trip would be shorter.

If you leave the village carrying the fish caught on that day with about 40 inside the bags and rear carrier bags in the evening, you will arrive at the middle point by dawn and then transferring it to the substitute, you will reach the royal capital by evening.

Estimated distance is about 140 kilometers each, if it is 12 hours, it includes 1 hour of a large meal break, 2 breaks of 30 minutes. The average speed is 14 km/h with small breaks, so it should be possible to get to the royal capital in 24 hours with a good margin.

If the bicycle can be used, raw fish will be delivered by dinner of the next day.

Summer may be difficult for travel, but from autumn to early spring, you should keep the fish well wrapped in a cloth and connecting with a container filled with water, due to capillary phenomenon and running wind it will cause heat of vaporization...

Is my bike going to be disposable, without Earth's maintenance support...?

I thought about it and I felt depressed...

Oh no, because I'm so depressed, Randy-san is pretty hesitated!

"No, because the basic technology is different from our country, it cannot be helped. so please, don't worry about it!" (Randy)

Aw, is that so, that's too bad!

Oh, right I almost forgot!

"(Ne~e nē) Randy-san, the apprentice will come from the capital please take care of him." (Mitsuha)

You must be glad to have a disciple. right?.

"Eh...?" (Randy)

"An 11-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl. take care of them because both are talented, so I'm looking forward to it!" (Mitsuha)

Eh?...

Wait, why are you getting more and more depressed?

Chapter 53

Next item is...

Next is mountain village.

Before going to Randy's shop, I requested the village chief of Yamamura to gather the handicapped adults.

For a moment I thought that I should use a bicycle, but I stopped.

The mountain village is a bit hilly, because it felt like I'm making weird noises, climbing sure is hard. What I need now is not a cross bike, but an electric-assisted bicycle!

It's fine, I'll just walk for now.

When she arrived at one of the mountain village, almost 30 adults were gathered at the village chief's house, together with people from the other mountain village.

There are 21 of them in 2 villages (handicapped), so 1 – 2 per house. Well, some people are going to work in the mountains, so maybe they gathered a lot.

Let's not waste the time and proceed to the talk immediately.

"Thank you for coming. Today, I came to explain about the job that I want to get done in Yamamura village." (Mitsuha)

Because the other party is an Elder, she should use a [polite, polite, polite, polite,] language, but as the feudal lord she must not. *(TN: polite 4x in the raw)* However, it's not suitable for a young lady to speak high and mighty, but in a composed and appropriate manner.

Eh?... somehow, everyone in the village have a subtle expression.

Ah...

“Er... , it’s not a free service like a heavenly role. We will properly reward you for the job.” (Mitsuha)

As soon as they heard about it, the expression of relief appeared on the faces of the villagers.

As I thought, were you all worried that you will only just work?

We pay money properly except for military service.

“Actually, I want you to make something like this. The amount paid is based on quantity and quality. So then, how many sets can you make? “ (Mitsuha)

That’s right, I showed the Othello and the Shogi, and then explained it.

Othello is easy, but the pieces of Shogi has a complex size, shape and the characters written on it. Well, the characters will be added later, so it doesn’t concern the people in the village.

“...is it, a tool for entertainment?.” (Village Chief)

The village chief who heard my explanation, made a subtle expression once again...

“Yup. It will definitely sell. And even if it doesn’t sell, I’ll properly pay for the work so It’s okay!” (Mitsuha)

He finally nodded (satisfied), after hearing the words she said.

If it sells, it will be a good domestic job for women and children.

I finally came up with it, a smile also began to appear.

“Try to make cheap items for the common people, and fancy ones for the aristocracy. With a good material, or put in some lavish decorations and carvings, so that we can sell it expensively.” (Mitsuha)

Yup, it seems that everyone started thinking, that they’re going to make money.

But this is not the only one!

I took a printout from my bag.

“This, this plant, have you seen it around here?” (Mitsuha)

The printout is a photograph of 4 kinds of plants. Gumpi, Kozo, casino, Mitsumata.

Yes, these are raw materials for Japanese paper.

I will finally start to manufacture paper!. Western paper seems difficult, so let's do Japanese paper first.

Boil, dissolve, melt, strain, drain, dry and finish. No, the details are good because, I checked it on the net!

“Well, I have a lot of this one and this one. But I haven't seen this one. How about you guys?” (Mitsuha)

“Oh yeah, I feel like I saw this, but I don't know if it's the same...” (Villager)

Oh, you think there's a lot of Kozo and Mitumata? All right, let's start a small-scale experiment!

She asked for a sample collection of Kozo and Mitsumata and then returned to the Viscount Mansion.

“Mitsuha, please play with me more!” (Colette)

Colette-Chan is complaining, she said that they are together, but no one wants to play.

Ah~, Colette-Chan has become a troublesome child...

Did I left you for too long?

Today, I'll be with you the whole day, after this.

“...So this is just an ordinary review meeting?” (Colette)

“Ehh~~, I’m not playing around!” (Mitsuha)

The members of the review meeting were Me, Colette-Chan, and my general staff, Miriam-san.

Of course the agenda of the meeting.

“...So, please think about how to make these two games popular so we can sell them.”
(Mitsuha)

...Usually, you have to popularize an item before you can sell it. right.

In addition, playing cards was left in Japan, for the time being.

Because there is no technique to make an even sheet of paper that is completely indistinguishable from each other, and because the paper is easily damage, it will become easy to distinguish between individual cards if it is used for a while, along with the disproportion of the paper being made.

Even if you try to shuffle, it will be difficult to use because it has poor strength and rough texture, etc. And also, of course,... I do not have prototype paper yet, but when I do will it be...

Anyway, it’s Othello and Shogi.

Othello is very similar to a game called Reversi, but the position of the pieces placed in advance at the start is free and there is no limit of the board, and the degree of freedom is vast.

“If you do not show it first, it will be pointless no matter how many times you advertise it verbally.” (Miriam)

Miriam-san got to the core.

“Because Shogi is so difficult to tackle, it should be spread to the nobility and high-ranking military personnel first, and then spread from there to the general public. On the other hand, Othello can be played immediately. Well, it seems simple and easy but...” (Miriam)

Yup, when you start playing it, you will get easily addicted, (unable to stop)...

“I don’t know if it’s good or not, but. To solve the problem of whether or not buying it, first let’s do it for free, or...” (Miriam)

“Or?” (Mitsuha)

“By buying this game, you can get some benefits, something like a reward or a prize.” (Miriam)

I see. Miriam-san is logical, it’s logical!

“So, what’s the [merit] to prepare?” (Mitsuha) (*TN: merit in english*)

“Please think about it yourself. My specialty is research on popular psychology, not the practical aspect. “ (Miriam)

Miriam-san, you’re more useless than I thought ~ ~!

At that time, Colette-Chan who was silently listening, suddenly opened her mouth.

“A competition, Mitsuha!” (Colette)

Eh?...

“Back in the village, the thing that excites at the festival is the competition like strength comparison and log cutting competition. And the luxury of prizes! [Oh the veal and wild boar, the chubby prizes when the log was cut off], it’s very exciting...” (Colette)

“Opening an Othello Convention and then put a very delicious bait... Certainly, since everyone will start as an amateur, the conditions are the same, there is a possibility that everyone can win since strength doesn’t matter. And because it is not so expensive, they will buy the game and practice... It’s amazing, Colette-chan!” (Mitsuha)

Colette-chan’s coming-of-age, is cute!

“However, the prizes, what should I... If you use a lot of money, your profit fly away,

and the participants will not be able to catch it with a basket..." (Mitsuha)

While she was suffering for a while, Colette who had been staring on wood boards, gave her the wood board.

"Yes, this!" (Colette)

Yup yup, you remembered a lot of characters. I will come and see your studies later. But now is the time to...

"Mitsuha, isn't it a good prize? Everyone will be pleased and It does not cost money!" (Colette)

Eh?... Is this, a prize proposal?

Let's see...

1. Mitsuha will treat you to a meal.
2. Shake hands with Mitsuha.
3. Take a walk with Mitsuha.
4. Patting Mitsuha's head.
5. Give a hug to Mitsuha.

.....You're a genius!

But, I'm a little worried about Colette-chan's future...

However, looking at the prizes, the first place and the second place, I think they would rather lose?

"It'll be fine, it will definitely be fine!" (Miriam)

Well, if Miriam-san gave her approval, then it's okay... right?

In the end, the patting of the head was moved from the 4th to the 6th place, and the handshake was moved to the 7th up-to the 10th place. Well, it's not going to be reduced, but...

Also, in order to Eliminate the use of self-made Othello, and the imitation, the

conditions for participating in the tournament, are as follows: [as a proof of participation, you must bring the Othello that is made in the Yamano territory. The ones without the bamboo marks of the Yamano Family's crest are invalid.] will be implemented.

Counterfeiting the family's crest of an aristocrat is a felony, equivalent to Forgery and comes with a heavy punishment. So, no one would dare. Besides, with this, 1 Othello for 2 people will suffice and will be sold one at a time.

...It's truly an evil move.

Well~ then, [the creator of Othello is the Viscount Yamano family], and [the one's without the crest of the Yamano family is a fake.] [It is a shameful act to buy a fake], we should spread this.

That's all for today's meeting. After that, let's build a concrete plan.

I slept in the workshop this past few days, so I'd rather go sleep in bed this morning. Even though it's not going far, it's unnatural to say that there are only so many nights out.

OK, let's sleep with Colette-chan after a long time.

But before that, I should return to the capital for a moment to check if there are problems with the stall.

"...So, you sold it all out today?" (Mitsuha)

"Yes, I prepared a little more than usual. As expected, it did not become a too crowded, like yesterday. It's just..." (Philip)

"It's just?" (Mitsuha)

"There are many people who complain that the Princess Shrine Maiden is not here... And there are people who stare in the stall from the side all the time..." (Philip)

The report of Philip-kun, who was still part of the staff today, was almost as expected.

The person who has been watching for a long time is probably the one who came to steal the secret formula. They've tried it themselves, but it didn't work out.

But unfortunately, it is useless to see how we make it. After all, the corn which is not explosive species, the hardness of the outer skin is insufficient so it will not go well and it will be useless, unless it is dried properly.

If you pick up the fallen grains and cultivate it, you will have a steady amount of explosive corn, but it will take a very long time to grow, then further cultivating the harvested grain. By that time, popcorn will be branded as Yamano cuisine along with other items.

Besides, I don't intend to sell popcorn exclusively... You know?

I simply hope, popcorn will spread and sell the [explosive corn] as Yamano territory specialties.

So, the [explosive corn] from the Yamano territory are being sold normally. But then, the amount of food sold at the stall is only for it to be known. It is not an amount enough to contribute to the finances of the territory.

What I want to brand is not the [explosive corn] of this stall, but the [explosive seeds] of the Yamano territory. This stall is only used to promote the [explosive seeds].

If there are explosive seeds, you may start growing them from the seeds you bought, but that is not the case. There is no other choice but to maintain the market share with the merit of being a predecessor and brand power as the [Founder]. It's going to be a bit far from the royal capital.

If you start selling in other places, will it decrease the sales of the stall?

No, originally I do not think that I will make a profit in this stall. The orphanage will be able to earn enough money to spend on food every day, and I'm not doing another charity work. It happened that the interests just coincided.

"So, these are all of today's sales, for the lightning corn." (Philip)

The results shown by Philip-kun's... , Eh... wait, what did you say?

“Eh?... What corn?” (Mitsuha)

“[Lightning corn]. Before I knew it, everyone was saying things like... [This is the site where the princess shrine maiden of thunder descended, the corn which exploded with thunderous roar originated] have spread and, the story of [The Princess of thunder, The Princess Shrine Maiden’s corn], until it became known as, [Lightning corn], and...” (Philip)

Too short! My abbreviation is [thunder]!

All right, let’s go home and get some sleep.

Chapter 54

Let's Spread The Othello! 1

In the meantime, let's spread the Othello.

Paper-making and other things can be done even after the social season is over. Even if you come to royal capital from time to time, it is possible that it doesn't seem to be difficult even though it is far away. It doesn't mean, I visit everyone all the time.

But according to the strategy, in order to spread the Othello, I have to meet various people here and there. Apparently, I think the amount of people in the capital has increased.

Somehow, I hope it keeps up during this socializing season until the announcement of the tournament...

After the announcement, I can take it easy for the time being. The production, transportation and sale of Othello, will take some time and if it does spread, it will sell like a hotcake. I'm not going to push it too far. The tournament is scheduled for the next social season.

Mitsuha: "That's why, Pez-san. From now on, when you went to our territory, please carry the Othello and Shogi that we made, along with the usual seafood. Please also sell it."

Pez: "Well, yeah, that's fine, but... well. Will it really, sell...?"

Mitsuha: "Please leave it to me!- I got it. In the name of Granny of the candy store!"

Pez: "Well, no, who is that!"

Pez-san pleasantly accepted it. But, I was also given some strange condition.

Pez: "That's good, but there is a favor I'd like to ask..."

Mitsuha: "What" (Nani?)

Pez: "Well, the same picture of the signboard that you have put to the stall in the plaza, is it okay to attach it to my carriage as well?"

Mitsuha: "Eh? Well, I don't mind it though... Oh, if you like, I'll introduce you to the girl who painted it."

Pez: "Oh, I hope I can meet her! Thank you very much"

It's a weird request, but whatever, I didn't mind. And as for the children of the orphanage, it's a great opportunity to make money and connections with the merchants. I can not hold back on this guy. Probably there are no choices.

I told him to tell director-san and let him contact me, and then I left the Petz rolling store.



The paper that has explained the rules of Othello and Shogi has already been created. Othello was easy, but Shogi was a little troublesome...

I download the picture from the net, but the text is handwritten. It was good that the printer at home was multi-purpose printer and there was a copy function. If you are seen it by someone printing a suspicious foreign-language flyer at a convenience store, it will look like its a black scripture of a dubious dark religion. (TC: maybe you're weirdly laughing like some chuuni, while printing.)

Unlike big cities, there are many familiar faces in rural towns and bad rumors can quickly spread. No, it's true!

Actual distribution and advertisement starts after the Othello arrives in the capital. It can't be helped, you can't advertise if there's no product.

Even if Pez-san departs in a few days, considering the round trip and the time of business in each town, it will take quite long before arriving at the capital. By then, I will take the initiative and advertise to the higher-ups.

Eh... Why don't I just [transfer] it, you say? Because, the trade between the territory

and the capital that I will continue for a long time, will be pointless if I use my abilities instead a of proper trading, don't you think?

And I don't even know when I'll be in an accident or get sick, and maybe I'll have to run away from this country. At that time, if I had the economic activity relying on my existence, the territory would collapse.

If you manage somehow, Even if you don't have me, you will be able to maintain your living level somehow under the next lord. Even if taxes were reset to original.

So, except for a few sets made in Japan for the royalty and some higher nobles, the others will be carried from the territory normally.

A few sets of games are not good. I won't say anything!

Besides, in the first place, untill today, the actual product has not yet been produced.

I immediately asked the orphanage about the picture.

It was a 9 year old girl who painted it. I thought about the design myself.

No, of course I knew. The thing that the child drew.

But let me tell you something... What, is this orphanage!

A secret organization, training center or something that gathered talented children from all over the place? just what is this place? (TC: Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters maybe?)



On the way back to the shop, I stopped by Japan for a bit and bought several additional pieces of Othello and Shogi.

I should have bought it all together from the beginning...

So, when I went back to the shop, Sabine-Chan was waiting in the front.

Sabine: "Mitsuha-nesama, you're too slow!"

I didn't know you're there!... it's true!...

Sabine: "That's why, I'm telling you to give me the shop's key!"

No, its dangerous if you wander around inside the shop, when the crime prevention equipment is in active mode! Also teaching you how to change the mode means that, you can freely make this shop your own, it tells a considerable part about my life as well as the ability to transfer, I would only like you to become an accomplice, That's all.

Mitsuha: "No." (Dame!)

In one word of my serious face, Sabine, is sadly looking down.

Yeah yeah, Sabine-chan, a cheerful little devil, is also cute, but Sabine is depressed... well, I am Sad! No, I don't drink sake while I work, and I don't have a cat named Me-Kun!

Sabine-chan, who wants to see the DVD as soon as she gets into the account seat and puts the shop in opening mode.

...Maybe this girl does not care for me, I just lost to the DVD...
(sob)... (.'`(>_<)´`·.)

No, don't think about it. don't think about it! It'll becomes a human distrust...

Mitsuha: "Sabine-chan, would you like to try a fun game, instead of a DVD?"

Sabine: "Game?" (Gēmu?)

Mitsuha: "Yeah, this. The rules are simple, even the old Dragon will remember in 30 seconds"

Sabine: "Old dragons are smarter than humans!"

Oh, right, come to think of it. Was the [old dragon], useless for replacing [even a monkey knows]... Was it [even a goblin knows] here?

Mitsuha: “Well, if you win, you can ask me for something. However, anything related to the shop are exception. “

Sabine: “ You’re on!.”

Fu fu, choroi!

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.....I lost.

Dry cloth friction, no, I lost by the absence of perfection.

No, I’ve done it many times, with my friends.

Why did this happen ~ ~ ~! !

Sabine: “It’s quite interesting, Mitsuha-neesama. Especially, the game you can win.”

Said by Sabine-chan with the Doya (smug) face.

Sh, Shut up, how annoying!



Sabnine: “It seems you have confidence, but still, excluding the shop as a precaution, truly a wise move, Mitsuha-neesama. I’m sorry, but I can’t help it...”

It, it was good! It was a really good call!

Sabine: “Well, that, remember the tool that can be used to talk to you, even after you return to the territory, there was another choice right, that, give me that one.”

Eh.....

If you lightly look at the wall side, the guard-ojisan has become pale.

The face of the guard-ojisan, who was about to cry.

And I gently take off my gaze from the guard-ojisan.

...I’m sorry.

Afterwards, I heard the impression from Sabine-chan, I got the confirmation that Othello can be sold in this world. In any case, there are no good entertainment. A sophisticated game that is very popular even on the earth, which has a lot of entertainment, was brought in here. Once it became popular, there is no reason not to sell.

...It was a bad bet, I had to do something.

It’s devastating.

Mainly, to the guard-ojisan, who is sunken near the wall.

No, I’m really sorry!

At the very least, in order to get a little damage, I gave Sabine-chan a pair of Othello and Shogi, and a paper on which I wrote an explanation and asked Sabine-chan to challenge the King or the Prime Minister for a game.

If Sabine wins, everyone who lose will come running (crying) to me, they can save the time and effort of persuasion when selling it.

While measuring the body of Sabine-chan for buying a bicycle, I suddenly noticed.

...I wonder if this girl and the King are willing to make a bet. Something, really outrageous.

While measuring the length of her feet, Sabine-chan glanced up and smiled.

A very nasty smile.

Oh,my God!

Let's wish the King a good fight...



The next morning, I went to a bicycle shop.

No, because it is said that [if you can give it quickly, you can give it quickly]. Troubles are less to the one cleaning up earlier.

Bike's safety first. A cheap item is easy to break, so choose a solid one made in Japan.

I'd like to make it a relaxing ride like sipping a tea, but Sabine-chan is probably going to use it hard, so a mountain bike, maybe...

Road bikes, can also produced such a speed, but... The road surface is also not good. Road bike demonstrates its true value at high speed, on a paved road... But, It's unsuitable for enduring a child's violence.

A Cross-bike?

What am I thinking, giving Sabine-chan such a versatile machine!

What will I do if Sabine-chan, who used the cross bike, [I came~] and appears next day after returning to the territory! It would be too scary! !

Regardless of the instantaneous maximum speed, you cannot catch up even with a horse, considering the sustained speed. It's all over, if the guard doesn't notice for a

few hours that she's gone!

That's why a heavy-duty mountain bike.

No, this can still go in the territory. Because it's just a little slower than cross bike. But, well, to the degree of comfort...

I got a various consultation at a specialty shop, I showed the measured data, told me the growth of a girl, and gave me a few candidates. From among those, I choose something that Sabine-chan would like, then purchased sidebags and helmets, protectors and other items for safety.

She don't need an auxiliary wheel. The auxiliary wheel does not suit the mountain bike, and Sabine is probably riding it on the first day

...I'm sorry. Especially to the escort guard-ojisan, I am really sorry.

Chapter 55

Let's Spread The Othello! 2

Afternoon, the next day after the devastating defeat.

Sabine-chan came in the afternoon, because I told her I am out in the morning.

Well, I guess it will come to this...

Following Sabine who have sparkling eyes, while holding the mountain bike, we both went to the royal palace.

No, you can't practice around like that, you know. The royal palace has a lot of wide backyards.

And, in contrast to the full of energy Sabine-chan, guard-ojisan is an old escort with a dull, heavy footstep.

No, as I said, I'm really sorry! Next time, whiskey, no, brandy, I will bring a brandy! I will give it to you! I swear!

The castle gate, of course, it's a face pass... only for me.

As it is, we went to Sabine-chan's recommended backyard.

First of all, I'll explain how the Bicycle Works, and how to operate it.

To my explanation, Sabine-chan is nodding silently. Apparently it seems that she understands it properly. That's right.

And then, I shown my exemplary performance.

Because my high school is in the mountains, I commute with my bike for 3 years. Boys aside, at a school when most of the girls were hiking on foot, I was riding a bicycle up to the top!. Just by applying weight, the pedal will not go down, draw it with both arms and put the power on the hill.

Because I trained with this, I don't have physical strength, but I am good at sprinting.

Also, suspension...

Oh, am I good at suspension? Is it because the body is light, because the arm is short and the attracting length is also short?... shut up!

Anyway, I'm good at cycling! I attracted the handle bar and floated the front wheels and made a turn, and drove around quite freely.

While Sabine-chan's eyes are sparkling... The guard-ojisan is staring with a blank face.

No, as I said, I'm really sorry!

Oh, I enjoyed it too much...

Next, wearing a helmet, protector, then it's finally Sabine-chan's turn to practice.

...She fell a couple of times but she quickly got back.

Yeah, I knew the feeling.

While Sabine-chan is practicing for a while, the King was standing behind me. I didn't notice it while I was guiding Sabine-chan, but when I look around, I realized that there were quite a lot of spectators... I wonder if someone told the King.

Oh, the first thing that the King would say?, I thought that I would be asked for an explanation, but...

King: "Mitsuha, Othello... tell me how to win."

Ahh, you lost... did you...

Mitsuha: "I'm sorry. I also suffered a crushing defeat, and as a result, I was robbed of that"

As he heard my reply, the King drooped down his shoulders.

What?... Was it painful, your Highness...?

Mitsuha: "Well then, how about playing in shogi? If that's the case, Sabine-chan will

not be an enemy to adults who understand what a battle is.”

The King was about to cry from my words.

Ahh, you lost... did you...

While I was patting the King’s shoulders, the Prime Minister came over.

Prime Minister: “Mitsuha-dono, Othello and Shogi’s winning method...”

You too, Prime Minister...

In the end, the mountain bike from her hometown, was taken away by Sabine-chan, from Mitsuha who lost the battle. The King was complaining about something, but he could not blame me for what he did.

So, your Highness, what did you promise?

But then, when Sabine-chan runs around the capital on a mountain bike, the people of the city will get used to the thing called, Bicycle. You won’t complain to the princess, or try to find out the secrets of the bike, would you.

And even if I start riding a bicycle when I had the chance, there is no problem because everyone is used to it!

It will be very convenient when you can use a bicycle in the kingdom. It’s good, It’s good!

[Looking good] is good!

It is not modified!... maybe.

A certain person visited, Mitsuha’s shop that night.

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5 days later.

As for what Sabine is doing every day, for the past few days, when she straddles mountain bike, she tries to escape from the escort and jumped out to the city.

Sabine's thought: [As soon as they know where to go, the escorts will soon comes full of sweat. Until then, I can spend quality time with Mitsuha-nesama without the escort.]

However when Sabine-chan arrived at the [General store Mitsuha].

It was the figure of the guard with the Doya (smug) face with arms crossed, and behind him, was a cross-bike.

Guard-Ojisan's Smug Face

A young girl on a mountain bike and an skilled adult man on a cross bike. Chasing around the city was not a big deal.

Guard-ojisan's thought: [From tomorrow on-wards, I will accompany Sabine-sama properly, but today I only went ahead to make a little revenge.]

The escort thought so, occasionally there are times like that.
And then a loud voice reverberated in the shop.

Sabine: "Mitsuha-nesama, this is terrible!!"

Mitsuha, who felt responsible for her stupid action, was beseech by an escort guard and in spite of some inconsistencies in the setting, he decided to close his eyes and hesitatingly begged for the request.

I haven't heard about it, but I think that perhaps the Prime Minister's office was a bit thin.

Originally because the escort always stood for Sabine, he also knew about Mitsuha.

The escort is an implicit conscience that you [treat it as not being there], and never leaks what they heard while escorting. Even if the other party is an employer.

Otherwise, you must keep escorts away from important scenes, scenes that you should keep secret, and you can not do anything if you were attacked at that time.

That's why, Mitsuha also talked normally with Sabine-chan as someone without an escort. To prepare the mountain bike at Sabine-chan's request. Besides, it only takes

half a day.

Knowing this, the guards knew that it was a violation of the rules, but they thought that they could not protect the princess from danger without being able to escort the princess, so they went to the last resort to appeal to Mitsuha.

Mitsuha knew the circumstances well, and because the cause was her stupid bet, she could not endure guilt and accepted his request.

It was related to Sabine's safety. Sabine-chan's destination is only Mitsuha's shop, but because even if it's a short time when you come to the store, she will be left unprotected by the escort. I haven't forgotten about my debut as the Princess Shrine Maiden of Thunder.

And it was in this 5 days that was crucial for the escort to desperately practice outside of working hours, in order to receive the cross-bike and to surpass the skill of Sabine-chan.

Regarding the explanation of the bicycle, he listened and remembered well when I was teaching Sabine-chan. Escort's objective was to ride, it was natural as an escort.



On that night, escort grabbed a drink at home, after a long day of work. He received a foreign alcohol along with the cross bike,.

[This [brandy], it smelled nice, the alcohol was strong, and it was delicious. It was very, very delicious.] (*TN: A Taste of a Sweet, Sweet Victory*)

Chapter 56

Let's Spread The Othello! 3

In the evening, I visited the Bozes' residence in the capital.

I kept the appointment properly, and after the time of dinner, of course.

When I took the appointment, the Earl said that we should have dinner together, but I'm sorry I will come after dinner to get in with these requests.

It's also bad to stay for a long night, so I cut to the chase.

Mitsuha: "Earl-sama, I tried to make this. I want to make money by making it popular..."

A straight ball! It is a relationship between me and Earl-sama, I will go with my real intention.

Earl Bozes: "What in the world is this?"

Mitsuha: "It is a game tool. this is how you play it..."

In my explanation, Earl-sama listening eagerly while nodding as if he was huffing.

Of course Iris-sama, Beatrice-chan, Alexis-sama and Theodore-sama are also listening. You look too serious, Did you think that you cannot play with me if you don't remember? Yeah, well, that's right, I guess...

For the time being, I explained Othello and played against Earl-sama.

At first, trying to explain, while playing. 2nd time, is the main battle.

For the 1st match in the main battle, I took it easy and I won with a little difference.

For the 2nd match, I tried seriously, but for some reason Earl won.

3rd match have a taste of my full power, [unnnnnnnnnnnn]!

..., what will I do if I get muddy!

As expected of the Earl, you understand the principle... so strong. What will happen if you challenge Sabine-chan.

4th match, gunununununu...

2 wins and 3 losses... For novice challengers...

Suddenly Iris-sama grabbed my shoulder.

Yeah yeah, the next is Iris-sama...

Iris-sama, who was watching firmly at the Earl's match, was strong from the beginning to the middle.

I try to take a corner, but since I don't try to take sufficient space for some reason, there is no place I can hit!... I don't understand it as well.

I was surprised by the fact, that I was supposed to have an overwhelmingly advantages... But it's gone in the blink of an eye.

N- no way, how good are these people?

Gyā hā!

Novice challengers, believe it or not... 1win, 4 losses.

Even if you say that you've done it many times, it is a history with my middle school friends after all! It's a secret society that [plans to conquer the world with Othello] or something... I don't really know for sure...

Shiku, shiku... (TN: crying SFX)

Next up, Beatrice-chan.

Quite a good game. We fought back and forth.

That's right, enjoy it like this!

Enjoy it as you can but, it's 4 wins and 1 loss... in favor of the expert. *(TN: lol she calls herself the expert.)*

But even with the same 4 to 1, it was cozy match, unlike the match against Iris-sama which is... miserably intense.

Mitsuha: "And well, that's it,... it's just like that... Also There is another game, called [Shogi], but this has a difficult set of rules, so please keep a good eye on the manual. I'll come again to do a trial match next time..."

Earl Bozes: "Fumu... It's quite interesting. So, what should I do?"

As expected, Earl-sama, is a fast talker!

Mitsuha: "I would like to spread Othello the masses right away, and Shogi is to be introduced first, to the nobility and military personnel. For those who knew the fun of Othello which is easy to play, the Shogi will be quite interesting as well... Earl-sama would do it in a conspicuous place, and would recommend it to the military, saying that it's just a good exercise for the military personnel's head..."

Earl Bozes: "But even if you say that, I can't do it alone... what about my opponent?"

Mitsuha: "Well as of now, the King, the Prime Minister and Sabine, at the moment. you can play Shogi with them. Sabine-chan is Currently the strongest in this. Please, be very careful if you are betting something. "

Earl Bozes: "Eh...?"

Is the Earl doesn't like the opponents who have been mentioned?, or is it because Sabine-chan is the strongest among them?...

Mitsuha: "Since the products will arrive in about 20 days,... please don't make it too flashy for now, and endorse it little by little. Don't force it too much, it's not good. And after 15 ~ 16 days, please strike in front of people and go to the offensive. "

Earl Bozes: "Somehow it sounds like a plan for usurpation of the throne..."

Mitsuha: “Hahahaha, the King himself is also a comrade.”

The Earl smiles wryly. Yeah, it is a picture of, [a bitter smile of a shrewd man].

Alexis and Theodore: ““Ano ~...””

As I turned around to the source of the voices, Alexis-sama and Theodore-sama with Othello boards.

Mitsuha: “Ah, it’s gotten late, so I will be heading back. Since I will leave the Othello and shogi behind, please play with Alexis-sama and Theodore-sama. Well then, I will excuse myself. “

Alexis: “N- no way...”

Theodore: “You got to be kidding me...”

The two of them are stunned for some reason... I wonder why? Did you want to play with me that much? You can play (with each other) as much as you want from now on. It’s gotten quite late, so I’m going home.

Oh, come to think of it, isn’t Alexis-sama the one who turn into a viscount and became independent?

Will you go home today? Or is it, because there is no money to prepare your residence here in the capital?, [I wonder if I could live at my parents house in the capital, for the time being]. Life’s hard isn’t it...

When I say my farewells to Earl-sama and Iris-sama, and tried to return to my shop, they went to the gate and saw me off.

I firmly refuse the Earl’s offer to send me to the shop by carriage,... and so I went home by walking. Earl-sama also knows that I can escape at the time of emergency, so he cannot be too persistent.

Iris-sama who did not know about it, was dissatisfied with it, but I told nothing because I think that there was a reason for this, because the Earl, who was very over-protective, would say so to me.

...Do you think there was a hidden guard?

The last thing I heard from behind me is [Fine, you win!]... It was Iris-sama's voice.

Alright, the plan is working, (kukuku)... Addicted, they're getting Addicted.

With this condition, let's go around Adelaide-chan's place, the Lansen's house, the Pasteur's house, where I did not go to the party, and the aristocracy, where some good people were. Because it was said that, you can come over whenever something happened.

Oh, of course, during daytime. Because visiting at night, is something I can only do in the Bozes family.

Also, [good people] means exactly as it is. It doesn't mean that [good people] are convenient for me!... well... Maybe.

Oh, and the party I also went to the first, uh-, whoever went out to a girl, that elder sister handed out a girl, not only over there but also to other nobleman parties.

Because it is after the evening, it did not affect my daytime behavior, and it is not much remembered because it is a similar party that does not have a substitute every time.

There are, good people, people with high ability, useful people, and meticulous people, that needs to take notes properly, and then enter them on a personal computer later on.

Oh, [people with high ability] and [useful people] are not the same. It's completely different.

Some people are useless even if they have the ability, others are very helpful even though they're lacking of it. Well, there are dozens of people who don't have the ability and are also useless. There are few people who have the ability and are useful as well,... It's true!.

Well, at the very least, it's enough to say [useful].

Because I am aware of [hard to use, people], there are strangely less complications now.

The territory itself is not attractive at all. On the contrary, it seems that even if they are the third son or the fourth son, they do not want to be a son-in-law.

Well, I chose that kind of place for myself, to [repel insects].

But then, somehow, there are many people who recommends their own sons. It's certainly not a [malicious, strange way of engagement], but its still a [strange way of engagement]...

I wonder if they realized, that our territory is going to develop in the future.

For the next few days, I went around the aristocracy on the list and lay the groundwork. I also bought another few extra sets Othello and Shogi in Japan, because I ran out.

And then tell everyone how interesting it is... There was no need to.

Everyone was delighted that I personally came all the way to play and I was excited more by the game. For the next few days, I carried around the Othello game set in search of an opponent, and teach those who are likely to be a good match against me.



16 days after Mitsuha's visit to Bozes' capital residence.

There was a small crowd at the Kingdom's central square.

Resident 1: "What, what's that...?"

Resident 2: "Oh, it's the, [mercenary girls] they are playing something quite entertaining, its gathering a lot of attention. It's very easy, it looks interesting, and there is a constant crowd since morning."

Resident 1: "Wow... Let's go and take a look... A cute girl?"

Resident 3: "Oh, that's a lovely girl and also a beautiful girl!"

Resident 4: "... I'm going."

Instead of Sven's group who were employed in the Viscount territory, the players are the mercenaries who received a nomination request from Mitsuha.

There are several other groups, and they are doing the same thing in various places in the capital. Some of them are also dressed in ordinary clothes like town girls. I asked both men and women, but the ratio of women is higher.

The reason why I made it a nomination request, rather than a general request, is because it is important to look good in order to fortify advertisement.

In addition to Mitsuha's fame, there were also rumors that Mitsuhha's request would turn out to be a lucky one, and so few people would refused the nomination request. There were also times when Mitsuha gave priority, to those who were likely to suffer because of less profit.

Sitting on the stone steps, men and women who are excited about the game happily with a lightning corn in one hand.

The rumors of that game gradually spread.



In the royal palace, an afternoon meeting has finally came to an end.

When everyone who was in attendance, was about to rise to return to their own residences.

King: "Anyone wants go for a Shogi or Othello match after this?"

Many lower Nobles: ((Shi ~yougi? Osero?))) inner thoughts

Everyone is dumbfounded on the sudden words of the King.

At that time.

Earl Bozes: "Oh, that's nice! I shall be your opponent!"

Prime Minister:"No, No, the last game was frustrating, me first!"

Earl Lansen: “I am bringing both game boards. You can do it on two tables! “

Earl Pasteur: “What are you carrying that around for?, Earl Bozes is also...”

Suddenly the hall became excited, the King, the Prime Minister, and some Higher aristocrats...

Noble 1: (What is... What are they talking about?)

Noble 2:(Is this an opportunity to get close relationship to the King and his associates?
What is, Shi ~yougi?)

Noble 3: (I don't understand, what they're saying!)

The Lower Aristocrats rushed-in and gathered-up information in panic, after the meeting has adjourned.

Rumors of the two game boards spreads like a wild fire.

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And then, 4 days later.

Posters were pasted on various parts of the capital.

[New game equipment, Othello and Shogi are now on sale!]

[A tournament Will be held! Win the amazing prizes, dress-up the Princess of Thunder and eat together while patting her head!]

No, you can't get multiple prizes for yourself.

It was a despicable scam.



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